

Records of Vermont Birds

Vermont Bird Records Committee Report 1988

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Jeremy Coleman, new RVB editor joined the committee, and Wayne Petersen and Simon Perkins, two of the editors for the new New England region, represented American Birds.

The Committee and the editors of the Records of Vermont Birds express their appreciation to the many Vermont birders who report to the Records of Vermont Birds and to the birders who have taken the time and trouble to fill out detailed Bird Verification Reports. These reports add greatly to Vermont's data base on birds. Careful recording of the details of plumage and identification are necessary.

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Note: add to field card - Glossy Ibis 4D-6A, Purple Sandpiper 10D-11C, Stilt Sandpiper 7D-10B, Little Gull 8B-1A.

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Common Barn-Owl (outside the Northeast
Long-eared Owl Kingdom)
Three-toed Woodpecker Orange-crowned Warbler
 Yellow-breasted Chat

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Pied-billed Grebe Ring-necked Duck
Least Bittern (except for Lesser Scaup
the West Rutland Marsh, Osprey (if nesting
Dead Creek and Missisquoi) evidence is observed)
Great Egret (between 15 Bald Eagle (if nesting
May and 15 July) evidence is observed)
Northern Shoveler Northern Harrier (outside
American Wigeon the Champlain Valley)

Cooper's Hawk (if nesting evidence is observed)
Peregrine Falcon
Spruce Grouse
Sora (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek & Missisquoi Marshes)
Upland Sandpiper
Short-eared Owl
Red-headed Woodpecker (if probable or confirmed nesting is observed)
Gray Jay (outside the Northeast Kingdom)
Sedge Wren
Loggerhead Shrike
Grasshopper Sparrow
Orchard Oriole (if nesting evidence observed)
Pine Grosbeak
Red Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)
White-winged Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)

Bird Records Committee Members: Jeremy Coleman, Walter Ellison, Lynn Erb, Sarah Laughlin, Whitney Nichols, William Norse, Frank Oatman, Simon Perkins, Wayne Petersen, Roy Pilcher, Frederick Pratt. Editorial Staff: Julie Nicholson, Nancy Martin, Christopher Rimmer.

FIRST STATE RECORDS

GARGANEY (Anas querquedula) - East Creek Waterfowl Management Area, Orwell, Addison Cty., 21 to 31 May 1988. Adult male. Betty Rist, Mark & Connie Youngstrom, Walter Ellison, Craig Provost, Frank Oatman, John Marsh, et al.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (Larus ridibundus) - Lake Champlain, Addison, Addison Cty., 29 October 1988. One adult, basic plumage. Walter Ellison, Richard Lavallee, Nancy Martin, Photographed.

Report Accepted as Hypothetical

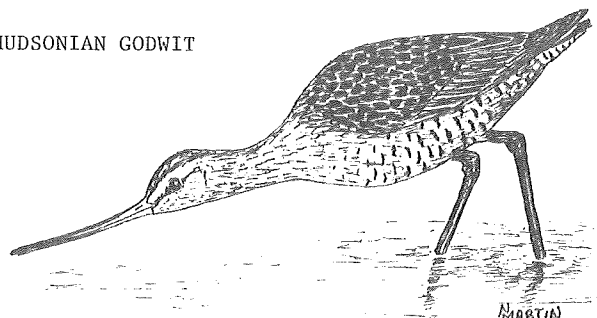
LECONTE'S SPARROW (Ammodramus leconteii) - West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Cty., 10 October 1988. One, basic plumage. Nancy Martin, single observer report.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (Limosa haemastica) - The Gut, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 27 September 1987. One adult, basic plumage. David J. Hoag. Photographed. Sixth report to RVB, apparently five pre-RVB reports.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (L. haemastica) - Shelburne Fishing Access, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 1 November 1988. Two. John Marsh. Seventh report to RVB.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT



MARTIN

SABINE'S GULL (Xema sabini) - Lake Champlain, Addison, Addison Cty., 29 October 1988. One juvenile. Walter Ellison, Richard Lavallee, Nancy Martin. Photographed. Second state record.

ARCTIC TERN (Sterna paradisaea) - Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 11 May 1988. One adult. William Norse. Third state record.

NORTHERN HAWK-OWL (Surnia ulula) - North Troy, Orleans Cty., 11 February to 12 March 1988. One. Frank Oatman, Tom Rivest et al.. Excellent photographs. Third report to RVB.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes carolinus) - Grafton, Windham Cty., 9 to 12 May 1988. Adult male. Allison Deen, Virginia Barrett, Don Clark. Photographed. Eighth state record.

KENTUCKY WARBLER (Oporornis formosus) - West Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 24 May to 5 June 1988. Singing male. Jeremy Coleman, tape-recorded. Fifth state record (some older records now not considered valid by the Vermont Bird Records Committee).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) - Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 3 to 8 July 1988. Singing male. Allan Stimson, Nancy Martin et al.. Tape-recorded. Third state record.

BULLOCK'S (NORTHERN) ORIOLE (Icterus galbula bullockii) - St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Cty., 16 November to 20 December 1987. Adult male. Paul Bengtson, Christine Bengston. Photographed. First report of this race to RVB.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

GADWALL (Anas strepera) - Young Island, West Shore Rd. and Nichol's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., June to August 1988. Females with downy young. David J. Hoag. Photographed.

GADWALL (A. strepera) - Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 16 June 1988. Female with eight downy young. Richard Lavallee.

AMERICAN WIGEON* (Anas americana) - McCuen Slang, Addison, Addison Cty., 2 June 1988. Three males, one female. Julie Nicholson, Betty Gilbert.

LONG-EARED OWL* (Asio otus) - South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 21 May 1988. One. William Norse.

LONG-EARED OWL* (A. otus) - Swanton/St. Albans area, Franklin Cty., 16 March 1988. One injured bird, specimen. Dr. Steven Metz.

LONG-EARED OWL* (A. otus) - East Montpelier, Washington Cty., 9 July 1988. One found injured, died, specimen. Linda Holliday, Nancy Read.

LONG-EARED OWL (A. otus) - Williamstown, Orange Cty., 10 July 1988. One or two adults, two nestlings blown out of nest. Melissa Carson, Rachael Olsen. Young photographed.

SHORT-EARED OWL* (A. flammeus) - Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., April to July 1988. One. David J. Hoag, Ev Grimes.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER* (Melanerpes erythrocephalus) - Shoreham, Addison Cty., 21 May 1988. One adult. Susan Hagen.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER* (M. erythrocephalus) - Orwell, Addison Cty., 28 June 1988. One adult. William Barnard.

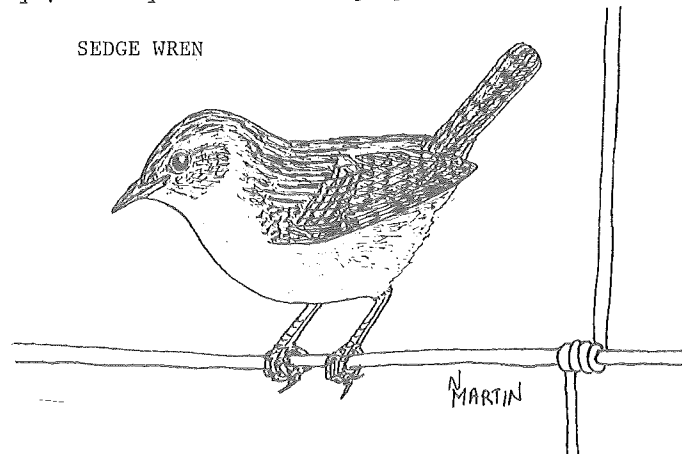
CAROLINA WREN (Thryothorus ludovicianus) - South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., June & July 1988. Family

group of 4-6 birds. Virginia Clarke. Tape-recorded.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) - West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Cty., 24 & 26 June 1988. Two singing males. Nancy Martin, Walter Ellison.

SEDGE WREN (C. platensis) - South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 28 July 1988. One singing male. William Norse.

SEDGE WREN



WILSON'S WARBLER (Wilsonia pusilla) - Lewis, Essex Cty., 8 & 26 June 1988. Two singing males, one female. George Lisi, Frank Oatman, Craig Provost.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (Icterus spurius) - Allen Bros. Marsh, Westminster, Windham Cty., June 1988. Second-year male, female, nest with young. Allison Deen et al..

ORCHARD ORIOLE (I. spurius) - Brandon, Rutland Cty., 24 & 26 June 1988. Second-year male, female, nest with young. Nancy Martin, Walter Ellison.

RED CROSSBILL (Loxia curvirostra) - Mt. Holly, Rutland Cty., 10 September 1988. Female feeding well-fledged juvenile - considered probable breeding because families can be highly mobile. William Norse.

* In breeding habitat within the breeding season but no other evidence of breeding.

REMAINING BIRD VERIFICATION REPORTS

GLOSSY IBIS (Plegadis falcinellus) - Lewis Creek, Ferrisburg, Addison Cty., 10 April, 1988. Ten. John Dye, Jack & Lee Danyow.

GLOSSY IBIS (P. falcinellus) - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 22 May 1988. Two. Jean Arrowsmith, William Sharp.

"RICHARDSON'S" GOOSE (Branta canadensis hutchinsii) - Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 17 October 1988. One with average-sized Canada Geese. William Norse.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (Bucephala islandica) - Connecticut River, Vernon, VT and Hinsdale, NH, Windham Cty., VT and Cheshire Cty., NH, 14 March 1987. Two adult males, one female. Jeremy Coleman.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (B. islandica) - West Bridport, Addison Cty., 25 March 1988. Adult male. Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (B. islandica) - Burlington harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 29 October 1988 to January 1989. Male molting into breeding plumage. Sally Laughlin, Dwight Cargill, Betty Rist, John Marsh, et al.

EAGLE species - Hartland, Windsor Cty., August 1987. One. Louisa Cann.

EAGLE species - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 18 October 1987. One. Tammy Kenney, Scott Bevins.

VERMONT DAILY FIELD CARD

DATE	LOCALITY
OBSERVERS	TOTAL SPECIES

NOTE: Median arrival and departure dates are indicated by numbers for the months, and by A, B, C, D, for the weeks of each month.

EXAMPLE: Goose, Snow 3D-5C 10B-12B means that Snow Geese are present from the last week in March (3D) until the third week in May (5C) and again in the autumn from the second week in October (10B) through the second week in December (12B).

* = scattered reports throughout the year
 † = rare and/or local breeder
 bold face = breeding bird
 P. R. = Permanent resident or present throughout the year

GAVIIFORMES		CHARADRIIFORMES	
Loon, Red-throated	10D-12C	Plover, Black-bellied	8A-10D
Common	4B-1C †	Lesser Golden	8D-10D
PODICIPEDIFORMES		SEMIPALMATED	
Grebe, Pied-billed	4A-11D †	Killdeer	3A-11A
Horned	4A-5B 10A-1C	Yellowlegs, Greater	4C-5C 7C-11A
Red-necked	4C-5A 10B-12B	Lesser	5A-5C 7B-10C
PELICANIFORMES		SANDPIPER, Solitary	
Cormorant, Double-cr.	4D-10D †	Spotted	4D-10B
CICONIIFORMES		Upland	
Bittern, American	4C-10A	Turnstone, Ruddy	5D-6B 7D-9D
Least	5C-8D †	Knot, Red	8A-9D
Heron, Great Blue	3C-12B *	Sanderling	8A-10B
Egret, Great	4D-5D 7D-9B	Sandpiper, Semipalmated	5C-5D 7C-9D
Snowy	4C-5C 8B-9B	Least	5B-5D 7C-9D
Cattle	4D-9A †	White-rumped	8D-11A
Heron, Green-backed	4D-10B	Baird's	8C-10A
Black-cr. Night-	4C-9D †	Pectoral	4D-5C 8A-11A
*		Dunlin	9A-11A
ANSERIFORMES		Dowitcher, Sh.-billed	5C-5D 7C-9A
Goose, Snow	3D-5C 10B-12B	Dowitcher, sp.	
Brant	4C-6A 10C-11D	Woodcock, American	3C-11B
Goose, Canada	3A-1A *	Snipe, Common	3D-11B *
Duck, Wood	3D-12C	Phalarope, R.-necked	8B-9A
Teal, Green-winged	3D-12C †	Gull, Bonaparte's	4C-5C 7C-12D
Duck, American Black	P. R.	Ring-billed	P. R.
Mallard	P. R.	Herring	P. R.
Pintail, Northern	3C-12C *†	Iceland	11B-4B
Teal, Blue-winged	3D-10C	Glaucous	12A-4B
Shoveler, Northern	4A-5B 9A-11A	Great Black-backed	P. R. †
Gadwall	4A-12B †	Tern, Common	5A-9C †
Wigeon, American	3C-5A 9C-10D	Black	5A-8D
Canvasback	3C-4D 11A-1D	COLUMBIFORMES	
Redhead	4A-4B 11D-12C	Dove, Rock	P. R.
Duck, Ring-necked	3C-5C 9D-12C	Mourning	P. R.
Scaup, Greater	3C-4D 10B-1D	CUCULIFORMES	
Lesser	3D-5A 10A-12D	Cuckoo, Black-billed	5C-9C
Oldsquaw	3D-5C 10D-12D	Yellow-billed	5D-9D
Scoter, Black	4C-5C 10B-12C	STRIGIFORMES	
Surf	4B-5C 10B-11C	Barn-Owl, Common	*†
White-winged	4D-5C 10B-12C	Screech-Owl, Eastern	P. R.
Goldeneye, Common	P. R.	Owl, Great Horned	P. R.
Bufflehead	3C-5B 10C-1B	Snowy	11B-3A
Merganser, Hooded	3C-12C *	Barred	P. R.
Common	P. R.	Long-eared	*†
Red-breasted	3D-5C 10C-1D *†	Short-eared	*†
Duck, Ruddy	11A-11D	Northern Saw-whet	P. R.
FALCONIFORMES		CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Vulture, Turkey	3C-10D	Nighthawk, Common	5C-9B
Osprey	3D-11A	Whip-poor-will	4D-9A
Eagle, Bald	*	APODIFORMES	
Harrier, Northern	3B-12C *†	Swift, Chimney	4D-9C
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	P. R.	Hummingbird, R.-thr.	5A-9D
Cooper's	3D-11A *†	CORACIIFORMES	
Goshawk, Northern	P. R.	Kingfisher, Belted	3D-12D *
Hawk, Red-shouldered	3B-11B	PICIFORMES	
Broad-winged	4A-10B	Woodpecker, R.-headed	*†
Red-tailed	P. R.	Sapsucker, Y.-bellied	4B-10D
Rough-legged	10A-4D	Woodpecker, Downy	P. R.
Eagle, Golden	3D-4C 11C-11D	Hairy	P. R.
Kestrel, American	P. R.	Three-toed	*†
Merlin	4A-5A 9A-10C	Black-backed	P. R. †
Falcon, Peregrine	3D-10C	Flicker, Northern	3D-10D *
GALLIFORMES		Woodpecker, Pileated	P. R.
Partridge, Gray	P. R. †	PASSERIFORMES	
Pheasant, Ring-necked	*	Flycatcher, Olive-sided	5C-9B
Grouse, Spruce	P. R. †	Wood-Pewee, Eastern	5C-9C
Ruffed	P. R.	Flycatcher, Y.-bellied	5C-9C
Turkey, Wild	P. R.	Alder	5C-9C
Bobwhite, Northern	*	Willow	5C-9A
GRUIFORMES		Least	5A-9D
Rail, Virginia	4C-10B	Empidonax, sp.	
Sora	4D-9D †	Phoebe, Eastern	3D-10C
Moorhen, Common	4D-10A †	Flycatcher, Great Cr.	5A-9B
Coot, American	4D-5D 9D-12C †	Kingbird, Eastern	4D-9C

*Please add: GLOSSY IBIS 4D-6A; PURPLE SANDPIPER 10D-11C; STILT SANDPIPER 7D-10B; LITTLE GULL 8B-1A

-27- GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - Middlebury/Salisbury line, Addison Cty., 30 August 1987. One sub-adult. Kandy & Cathy Durand.
 GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Panton, Addison Cty., 4 September 1987. One adult. John & Margaret Dye.
 GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - Fairlee, Orange Cty., 19 April 1988. One. Samuel Smith.
 GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - Dorset, Bennington Cty., 9 October and 11 November 1988. One each date. Betty Gilbert.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - Railroad fill, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 6 March 1988. One gray morph. Claudia Leff, Michael Usai.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*Calidris mauri*) - Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 16 August 1988. One juvenile. Craig Provost.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) - The Gut, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 24 September 1988. One. David J. Hoag. Photographed.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*) - Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 6 and 7 August 1988. Three on 8/6, two on 8/7. Bill Meador, Dwight Cargill, Betty Rist, Sally Laughlin, et al..

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulvicaria*) - Connecticut River set-back, Hinsdale, Cheshire Cty, NH, 4 October 1987. Jeremy Coleman. Photographed.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) - Reading, Windsor Cty., 13 October 1987. One male. Fred Hunt.
 BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*P. arcticus*) - Winhall, Bennington Cty., 29 April 1988. One female. William Norse.

GRAY JAY (*Perisoreus canadensis*) - Londonderry, Windham Cty., 5 January 1988. One. Wendy Arace.



VARIED THRUSH

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) - Stowe, Lamoille Cty., 25 December 1987 to at least 14 February 1988. One male. Delores Partridge, Bryan Pfeiffer.
 VARIED THRUSH (*I. naevius*) - Barton, Orleans Cty., 18 & 19 January 1988. One male. Ruth & Frank Babcock.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - Mouth of Winooski River, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 2 October 1988. One. Craig Provost.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*V. celata*) - Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 10 October 1988. One immature, banded. Chris Rimmer.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) - Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 8 September 1988. One immature, banded. Chris Rimmer et al..

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) - Panton, Addison Cty., 5 May 1988. One male. Marion Manning.

DICKCISSEL (*Spiza americana*) - Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., 5 to 14 November 1988. One female or immature. Ruth & Eugene Kosche. Photographed.

OUT OF SEASON REPORTS

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) - Newport, Orleans Cty., February 1988. One immature. Moe Jacobs. Photographed.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) - Addison, Addison Cty., 15 February 1988. One male. Nancy Martin, Dan Crook.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) - Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 21 May 1988. One female. Betty Rist, Mark & Connie Youngstrom.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) - Vergennes, Addison Cty., 18-25 December 1987. One female. Bea & Cassius Guyett. Photographed.

FIELD SPARROW (*Spizella pusilla*) - Springfield, Windsor Cty., 3 January 1988. One. Kaye & Oliver Peck.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*Euphagus carolinus*) - South Woodstock, Windsor Cty., January to March 1988. One male. Larry Roberts, Nancy Martin.

NORTHERN ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) - Weathersfield, Windsor Cty., December 1987 to at least 3 January 1988. One adult male. Eleanor Ellis, Henry & Elizabeth Courtemanche.

Lark, Horned	P. R.	Yellow-rumped	4B-11B *
Martin, Purple	4C-9E	Black-throated Green	4D-10B
Swallow, Tree	3D-10A	Blackburnian	5A-9D
N. Rough-winged	4C-8D	Pine	4B-10A
Bank	4C-9B	Prairie	5B-9C †
Cliff	4D-9B	Palm	4C-5B 9C-10C
Barn	4C-9D	Bay-breasted	5B-9D †
Jay, Gray	P. R. †	Blackpoll	5C-10A
Blue	P. R.	Cerulean	5C-8B †
Crow, American	P. R.	Black-and-white	4D-10A
Raven, Common	P. R.	Redstart, American	5A-10A
Chickadee, Bl.-capped	P. R.	Ovenbird	5A-10A
Boreal	P. R. †	Waterthrush, Northern	5A-9D
Titmouse, Tufted	P. R. †	Louisiana	4C-8B
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	P. R.	Warbler, Mourning	5C-10B
White-breasted	P. R.	Yellowthroat, Common	5A-10D
Creepers, Brown	P. R.	Warbler, Wilson's	5B-9D †
Wren, Carolina	*†	Canada	5B-9C
House	4D-10B	Chat, Yellow-breasted	5B-10B
Winter	4B-11A	Tanager, Scarlet	5A-10A
Sedge	5C-9A †	Cardinal, Northern	P. R.
Marsh	4D-10A	Grosbeak, Rose-br.	5A-10B
Kinglet, Golden-cr.	P. R.	Bunting, Indigo	5B-10A
Ruby-crowned	4B-11A	Towhee, Rufous-sided	4C-10D
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	4D-9A	Sparrow, Am. Tree	10B-4D
Bluebird, Eastern	3C-11A	Chipping	4B-10D
Veery	5A-9D	Field	4A-11A *
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	5C-9D	Vesper	4B-10D
Swainson's	5B-10C	Savannah	4A-11A
Hermit	4B-11B	Grasshopper	5B-9A †
Wood	5A-10A	Fox	3C-4D 10A-11C
Robin, American	P. R.	Song	3B-11A *
Catbird, Gray	5A-10C	Lincoln's	5B-10D
Mockingbird, Northern	P. R.	Swamp	4C-11A *
Thrasher, Brown	4C-10B	White-throated	4B-11C *
Pipit, Water	4A-5C 9B-11A	White-crowned	5A-5C 9C-10D
Waxwing, Bohemian	12A-4A	Junco, Dark-eyed	P. R.
Cedar	P. R.	Longspur, Lapland	10B-4A
Shrike, Northern	10D-4B	Bunting, Snow	10C-3D
Loggerhead	3D-8D †	Bobolink	5A-10A
Starling, European	P. R.	Blackbird, R.-winged	2D-11C *
Vireo, Solitary	4C-10B	Meadowlark, Eastern	3C-11A
Yellow-throated	5A-9B	Blackbird, Rusty	3B-11A
Warbling	5A-9D	Grackle, Common	3A-11C *
Philadelphia	5B-9C †	Cowbird, Br.-headed	2D-12D *
Red-eyed	5B-10A	Oriole, Orchard	5B-7D †
Warbler, Blue-winged	5B-8D †	Northern	5A-10A
Golden-winged	5B-8C †	Grosbeak, Pine	10B-4A
Tennessee	5B-10B †	Finch, Purple	P. R.
Orange-crowned	8D-10D	House	P. R.
Nashville	5A-10B	Crossbill, Red	*
Parula, Northern	5A-9B	White-winged	*
Warbler, Yellow	4D-9D	Redpoll, Common	11C-4D
Chestnut-sided	5A-9D	Siskin, Pine	10A-5D *
Magnolia	5A-10B	Goldfinch, American	P. R.
Cape May	5A-9D †	Grosbeak, Evening	P. R.
Black-throated Blue	5A-10A	Sparrow, House	P. R.

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Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Harrier (outside the Champlain Valley)
Least Bittern (except for the West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek and Missisquoi)	Cooper's Hawk (if nesting evidence is observed)
Great Egret (between 15 May and 15 July)	Peregrine Falcon
Northern Shoveler	Spruce Grouse
American Wigeon	Sora (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek & Missisquoi Marshes)
Ring-necked Duck	Upland Sandpiper
Lesser Scaup	Short-eared Owl
Osprey (if nesting evidence is observed)	Red-headed Woodpecker (if probable or confirmed)
Bald Eagle (if nesting evidence is observed)	

Gray Jay (outside the the Northeast Kingdom)	ing evidence observed)
Sedge Wren	Pine Grosbeak
Loggerhead Shrike	Red Crossbill
Grasshopper Sparrow	(if confirmed breeding)
Orchard Oriole (if nest-	White-winged Crossbill
	(if confirmed breeding)

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FIRST STATE RECORD

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD (*Sialia currucoides*) - one male, junction of Hyde and Adams Roads, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 2, 4 and 8 April 1989. John Adams, Richard Lavallee, Nancy Martin, Dan and Malcolm Crook, Walter Ellison, Louis Bevier.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

LEACH'S STORM PETREL (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 1/2 mile s.e. of Ladd Point, 21 September 1989. Richard and Dorothy Lavallee. Photographed. Fifth state record.

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - one, Connecticut River, Vernon, Windham Cty., VT, and Connecticut River, Hinsdale, NH, 16 November and 18 November 1988. Andrew Knafel and Jeremy Coleman. Seventh state record.

GREAT CORMORANT (*P. carbo*) - one first-year, Connecticut River between Hartland, Windsor Cty., VT and Plainfield, NH, 28 October and 29 October 1989. Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin and Daniel Crook. Eighth state record.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) - one adult, Winooski River near Colchester Bog in Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 1 May 1989. Tom Kastner and Eve Pranis. Sixth to RVB.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*E. caerulea*) - one immature, Springweather Nature Area, Weathersfield, Windham Cty., VT, 13 September 1989. William Norse. Seventh to RVB.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*) - one-two, head of Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., VT, 30 October 1988 through 8 November 1988. Stephen Antell. Eighth report to RVB.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., VT, 10 and 11 November 1988. William Meador. Ninth report to RVB.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - three, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., VT, 10 November 1989. Wayne Scott. Tenth report to RVB.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) - one adult, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., VT, 2 December and 5 December 1988. Andrew Knafel and Jeremy Coleman. Second state record.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) - two, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., VT, 20 November 1988. Lloyd Buntin. Seventh state record.
 BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) - one first basic, Lake Fairlee, Post Mills, Thetford, Orange Cty., VT, 20 November 1988. Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin. Eighth state record.
 BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) - one, on Lake Champlain, Panton, Addison Cty., VT, 22 October 1989. Richard Lavallee, Betty Rist, Dwight Cargill, Doris Dolt. Photographed.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) - one immature, 1/2 mile e. of Ladd Pt., Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 16 September 1989. Richard and Dorothy Lavallee. Photographed. Third state record.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) - one male, East Main Street, Poultney, Rutland Cty., VT, 11 December, 1988 and twice between 28 December and 4 January 1989. Ruth Roberts and Howell Roberts. Ninth state record.
 RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*M. carolinus*) - one, Bridport, Addison Cty., VT, 25 February, 7 and 8 March 1989. Martha Clark and Carol Knauss. Tenth state record.
 RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*M. carolinus*) - one female, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 27 October through 3 November 1989. E. M. Henning and Sylvie Henning. Eleventh state record.

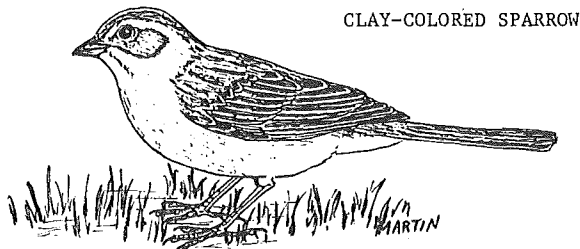
WESTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus verticalis*) - one immature, south of Barnard village on Route 12, Windsor Cty., VT, 22 September 1989. Nancy Martin. Third state record.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*) - one male, West Haven, Rutland Cty., VT, 20 May to 27 June 1989. Alan Pistorius, Delight Gartlein, Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin et al.. Fourth state record.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) - one, off Tottingham Road, Shoreham, Addison Cty., VT, 15 May 1989. Jason Cross. Fourth report to RVB.

WESTERN Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) - one, Cambridge, Lamoille Cty., VT, 19 November 1988. Robert and June Guyette. Fourth state record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARRROW (*Spizella pallida*) - one immature, Pine Meadow Drive, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., VT, 8 October 1989. Betty Rist and Dwight Cargill. Fourth state record.



CLAY-COLORED SPARROW

RARE NESTING SPECIES

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) - one calling male, Dorset Mill Pond, Dorset, Bennington Cty, VT, 14 and 15 May and 3, 4, 5 June 1989. Betty Gilbert, Gail and David Bumgardner. Possible breeding.
 GADWALL (*Anas strepera*) - female with three downy young, Young Island, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 8 July 1989. David Hoag. Photographed. Confirmed nesting.
 AMERICAN WIGEON (*Anas americana*) - female with still dependent young, east side of Brown's Marsh, Grand

Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 6 August 1989. David Hoag. Photographed. Probable nesting.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (*Mergus serrator*) - one drake, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 8 July 1989. David Hoag. Photographed.
 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (*M. serrator*) - one female, Bixby Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 23 and 31 July 1989. David Hoag. Photographed.

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*) - two adults, three immatures, Highgate State Park, Highgate, Franklin Cty., VT, 14 August 1988. Chris Fichtel and Kate Barnhart. No nesting status - three immatures indicates more than one family.

UPLAND SANDPIPER (*Bartramia longicauda*) - two, West Glover, Orleans Cty., VT, 8 May 1989. Robert Canosa. Possible breeding.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) - one calling adult with prey, Craftsbury, Orleans Cty., VT, mid May 1988. Frank Oatman.

GRAY JAY (*Perisoreus canadensis*) - two adults and two juveniles, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., VT, 17 June 1989. Roy Pilcher, Peter Hope et al.. Photographed. Probable nesting.

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) - one male on territory, West Rutland Marsh, Rutland Cty., VT, June and July 1989. Betty Rist.
 SEDGE WREN (*C. platensis*) - one singing, Winhall, Bennington Cty, VT, 9 July 1989. William Norse.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*) - one female feeding two young in nest, junction of Goodrich Corners and Lake Street, Addison, Addison Cty., VT, 29 July 1989. Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin. Confirmed nesting.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (*Loxia leucoptera*) - one male and one female, Winhall, Bennington Cty., VT, 19 August 1989. William Norse. Possible.
 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (*L. leucoptera*) - male and female with two juveniles, Sutton, Caledonia Cty., VT, 6 October 1989. Frank Oatman, Jon Wood and Eleanor Inouye.

REMAINING RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION REPORTS

GLOSSY IBIS (*Plegadis falcinellus*) - one, Gale Meadows, Winhall, Bennington Cty., VT, 7 May 1989. William Norse.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) - four adults and three immatures, Lake Carmi, Franklin, Franklin Cty., VT, 25, 26, and 27 November 1988. Phebe Jane Mullen, her husband and two sons.

RUDDY SHELDUCK (*Tadorna ferruginea*) - one off Pointe au Roche, Chazy, Clinton Cty., NY, Champlain Islands Christmas Bird Count, 18 December 1988. Ted Mack and Robert Hagar. Considered an escape.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*Bucephala islandica*) - one adult female, Lake Bomoseen, Rutland Cty., VT, 12 November 1988. Roy Pilcher.
 BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*B. islandica*) - one adult male, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 18 December 1988. Richard Lavallee. Champlain Islands CBC.
 BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*B. islandica*) - one adult male, Shelburne Beach, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty. VT, 2 January 1989. Craig Provost.
 BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*B. islandica*) - two females, Kingsland Bay State Park, Ferrisburg, Addison Cty., VT, 12 February 1989. James Dingley and Kelly

VERMONT DAILY FIELD CARD	
DATE	LOCALITY
OBSERVERS	TOTAL SPECIES

NOTE: Median arrival and departure dates, or dates of occurrence, are indicated by numbers for the months, and by A, B, C, D, for the weeks of each month.

EXAMPLE: Goose, Snow 3D-5C 10A-12C means that Snow Geese are present from the last week in March (3D) until the third week in May (5C) and again in the autumn from the first week in October (10A) through the third week in December (12C).

- * = occasionally present in limited numbers other than in stated periods.
- † = rare breeder, please submit nesting reports to VINS. Note: † species include all those on Vermont's Endangered, Threatened, and Species of Special Concern Lists.
- § = local breeder.
- bold face** = breeding bird.
- P.R. = permanent resident; predictably present throughout the year.

GAVIIFORMES	CHARADRIIFORMES
Loon, Red-throated 10D-12C	Plover, Black-bellied 5C-5D 8C-11A
Common 4B-1B †	Lesser Golden- 6C-10D
PODICIPEDIFORMES	Semipalmated 5C-5D 7D-10B
Grebe, Pied-billed 3D-11D †	Killdeer 3A-11A
Horned 4A-5A 10A-1C	Yellowlegs, Greater 4B-5D 7B-11A
Red-necked 4B-5A 10B-12C	Lesser 5A-5D 7B-10C
PELICANIFORMES	Sandpiper, Solitary 4D-5D 7B-10B
Cormorant, Double-cr. 4A-11A §	Spotted 4D-10C
CICONIIFORMES	Upland 4D-8D †
Bittern, American 4B-10B	Whimbrel 8D-9A
Least 5C-8D †	Turnstone, Ruddy 5D-6A 7D-9D
Heron, Great Blue 3B-12C *	Knot, Red 8D-9D
Egret, Great 4D-5D 7D-9B	Sanderling 8C-10B
Snowy 5B-9B †	Sandpiper, Semipalmated 5B-5D 7C-10C
Cattle 4C-9B †	Least 5B-5D 7B-10A
Heron, Green-backed 4D-10B	White-rumped 8B-11A
Black-cr. Night- 4C-10A §	Baird's 8B-10A
Ibis, Glossy 4D-5D	Pectoral 4C-5C 7D-11A
ANSERIFORMES	Purple 10D-11B
Goose, Snow 3D-5C 10A-12C	Dunlin 9B-11B
Brant 4C-5D 10C-11D	Sandpiper, Silt 7D-9B
Goose, Canada P.R.	Dowitcher, Sh.-billed 5C-5D 7C-9A
Duck, Wood 3C - 12C	Woodcock, American 3D-11A
Teal, Green-winged 3D-12B †	Snipe, Common 3D-11A
Duck, American Black P.R.	Phalarope, Wilson's 8B-8D
Mallard P.R.	Red-necked 8C-9A
Pintail, Northern 3B-12C * †	Gull, Little 10A-11C
Teal, Blue-winged 3D-10C	Bonaparte's 5A-5C 7C-12D
Shoveler, Northern 4A-5C 9A-11A	Ring-billed P.R. §
Gadwall 3D-12B †	Herring P.R. §
Wigeon, American 3B-5B 9A-11A	Iceland 11C-4B
Canvasback 3C-4D 10D-1C	Glaucous 12A-4A
Redhead 4A-4C 11D-1C	Great Black-backed P.R. †
Duck, Ring-necked 3C-5C 9A-12C	Tern, Common 5A-9C †
Scaup, Greater 3C-5A 10A-1D	Black 5A-8A §
Lesser 3D-5A 9D-12C	COLUMBIFORMES
Oldsquaw 4A-5C 10D-12C	Dove, Rock P.R.
Scoter, Black 4B-5C 10A-12A	Mourning P.R.
Surf 4C-5C 10A-11C	CUCULIFORMES
White-winged 4D-5C 10B-12C	Cuckoo, Black-billed 5C-9D
Goldeneye, Common P.R.	Yellow-billed 5D-9D
Barrow's 11B-3C	STRIGIFORMES
Bufflehead 3A-5C 10C-1D	Barn-Owl, Common †
Merganser, Hooded 3C-12D *	Screech-Owl, Eastern P.R.
Common P.R.	Owl, Great Horned P.R.
Red-breasted 3D-5C 10C-1A * †	Snowy 11B-3B
Duck, Ruddy 11A-11D	Barred P.R.
FALCONIFORMES	Long-eared P.R. †
Vulture, Turkey 3B-11A	Short-eared P.R. †
Osprey 4A-11B †	Northern Saw-whet P.R.
Eagle, Bald 1A-12D	CAPRIMULGIFORMES
HARRIER, Northern 3B-1A * †	Nighthawk, Common 5C-9B
Hawk, Sharp-shinned P.R.	Whip-poor-will 5A-9A †
Cooper's P.R. †	APODIFORMES
Goshawk, Northern P.R.	Swift, Chimney 4D-9C
Hawk, Red-shouldered 3B-11C	Hummingbird, R.-thr. 5A-9D
Broad-winged 3D-10C	CORACIFORMES
Red-tailed P.R.	Kingfisher, Belted 3C-12D *
Rough-legged 10A-5A	PICIFORMES
Eagle, Golden 3D-4C 11A-11D	Woodpecker, Red-headed P.R. †
Kestrel, American 3A-12D *	Sapsucker, Y.-bellied 4A-10C
Merlin 4A-5B 8D-10B	Woodpecker, Downy P.R.
Falcon, Peregrine 3D-10D * †	Hairy P.R.
GALLIFORMES	Three-toed 1A-12D †
Partridge, Gray P.R. §	Black-backed P.R. †
Pheasant, Ring-necked 1A-12D	Flicker, Northern 3B-11B
Grouse, Spruce P.R. †	Woodpecker, Pileated P.R.
Ruffed P.R.	PASSERIFORMES
Turkey, Wild P.R.	Flycatcher, Olive-sided 5C-9B
Bobwhite, Northern 1A-12D	Wood-Pewee, Eastern 5C-9D
GRUIFORMES	Flycatcher, Y.-bellied 5C-9C
Rail, Virginia 4C-10B	Alder 5C-9C
Sora 4C-10A †	Willow 5C-9B
Moorhen, Common 4D-10A §	Least 5A-9D
Coot, American 4B-5D 9D-12D * †	Phoebe, Eastern 3D-10C

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*B. islandica*) - one male, off Blodgett's, Burlington Waterfront, Chittenden Ct., VT, 24 October 1989. John Marsh.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one, Lincoln Hill, Hinesburg, Chittenden Cty., VT, 16 October 1988. Mark Biercevicz and Cynthia Biercevicz.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one immature, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, near Vergennes, Addison Cty., VT, 2 November 1989. Frank Oatman and Jon Wood.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - one adult gray morph, White Bay, Panton, Addison Cty., VT, 17 December 1988. Deborah Davis, Dwight Cargill, Marion Manning, Penny Goodkind. Ferrisburg CBC.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one adult gray morph, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 4 February 1989. Sally Laughlin, Dwight Cargill, Betty Rist.

WHIMBREL (*Numenius phaeopus*) - one, Dead Creek, Addison Cty., VT, 20 August 1982. George Hall.

WHIMBREL (*N. phaeopus*) - one found in Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., VT, 14 September 1988. Nancy Martin, Nancy Read, Sally Laughlin, Walter Ellison. Brought to VINS rehabilitation. Released in Connecticut 2 October 1988. Photographed.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*) - one basic plumage, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., VT, 24 and 25 August 1988. Craig Provost.

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) - one female alternate plumage, n.e. of Sloop Island off Wings Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., VT, 12 June 1989. Jeffrey Allen. Photographed.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) - one basic plumage, Caspian Lake, Greensboro, Orleans Cty., VT, 21 October 1989. Frank Oatman, Jon Wood and Eleanor Inouye.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one, Winhall, Bennington Cty., VT, 14 October 1989. William Norse.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) - one, Goodenough Road, W. Brattleboro, Windham Cty., VT, 4 September 1989. Jeremy Coleman. Banded.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*O. agilis*) - one, Goodenough Road, W. Brattleboro, Windham Cty., VT, 8 September 1989. Jeremy Coleman and Rene Borgella.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*O. agilis*) - one, Putney Mtn., Putney, Windham Cty., VT, 10 September 1989. Jeremy Coleman.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*O. agilis*) - one, Goodenough Road, W. Brattleboro, Windham Cty., VT, 16 September 1989. Jeremy Coleman. Banded.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) - one adult, Topsham, Orange Cty., VT, 20 May 1989. Elisabeth Macdonald.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR (*Calcarius lapponicus*) - three, Trombley Road, Springfield, Windsor Cty., VT, 31 December 1988. Jean Sangdahl, Sam Gurney and Abbie Frost. Springfield CBC, first record.

OUT OF SEASON REPORTS

RED-THROATED LOON (*Gavia stellata*) - one immature, Thurman W. Dix Reservoir, Orange, Orange Cty., VT, 20 May 1989. Anne Aversa and Barb DeAngelis.

RED-NECKED GREBE (*Podiceps grisegena*) - one, Button Bay, Vergennes, Addison Cty., VT, 25 January 1989. Susan Wetmore and Betty Barbarise.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (*Buteo lagopus*) - one, Rockingham Overlook, Rockingham, Windham Cty., VT, 30 May 1989. William Norse.

COMMON SNIPE (*Gallinago gallinago*) - one, Woodward Reservoir, Plymouth, Windsor Cty., VT, 28 December 1988. William Nacel. Woodstock CBC.

COMMON SNIPE (*G. gallinago*) - three, North Bennington, Bennington Cty., VT, 17 December 1988. John Johnson and others. Bennington CBC.

NORTHERN FLICKER (*Colaptes auratus*) - one, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., VT, 1 January 1989. C. J. Frankiewicz. Rutland CBC.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET (*Regulus calendula*) - one male, Brook Road, Springfield, Windsor Cty., VT, 31 December 1988. Olympia Lebeau, Eleanor Ellis, Ruth Goodwin, m.ob. Springfield CBC, visiting feeder since October.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila caerulea*) - one found dead, specimen at VINS, east shore of Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 24 December 1988. E. M. Henning.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING (*Bombycilla garrulus*) - seventeen, Railroad fill, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 23 October 1989. David Hoag. Photographed.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) - one, Painter Hills Road, Middlebury, Addison Cty., VT, 13 December 1988. Marge Nelson and Judith Peterson.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*Euphagus carolinus*) - two, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., VT, 1 January 1989. C. J. Frankiewicz. Rutland CBC.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*E. carolinus*) - nine, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., VT, 26 February 1989. C. J. Frankiewicz.

REPORTS NOT IDENTIFIED TO SPECIES

FALCON sp. - one, Button Bay, Vergennes, Addison Cty., VT, 5 January 1989. Susan Wetmore and Edna Jones.

FLYCATCHER sp. - one, Tromp's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., VT, 2 April 1989. David Hoag. Photographed.

Flycatcher, Great Cr.	5A-9C	Black-throated Blue	5A-10A
Kingbird, Eastern	4D-9C	Yellow-rumped	4B-11C *
Lark, Horned	P.R.	Black-throated Green	4D-10B
Martin, Purple	4C-9A	Blackburnian	5A-9D
Swallow, Tree	3D-10B	Pine	4B-9D
N. Rough-winged	4C-8D	Prairie	5B-9B §
Bank	4C-9C	Palm	4B-5B 9B-10C
Cliff	4D-9C	Bay-breasted	5B-9D †
Barn	4C-9D	Blackpoll	5C-10A
Jay, Gray	P.R. †	Cerulean	5C-8B †
Blue	P.R.	Black-and-white	4D-9D
Crow, American	P.R.	Redstart, American	5A-10A
Raven, Common	P.R.	Ovenbird	5A-9D
Chickadee, Bl.-capped	P.R.	Waterthrush, Northern	5A-9C
Boreal	P.R. §	Louisiana	4C-8B
Titmouze, Tufted	P.R.	Warbler, Mourning	5C-10A
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	P.R.	Yellowthroat, Common	5A-10D
White-breasted	P.R.	Warbler, Wilson's	5B-9D †
Creepers, Brown	P.R.	Canada	5B-9C
Wren, Carolina	1A-12D †	Chat, Yellow-breasted	5C-10B
House	4D-10B	Tanager, Scarlet	5A-10A
Winter	4A-11B *	Cardinal, Northern	P.R.
Sedge	5D-9A †	Grosbeak, Rose-br.	5A-10B
Marsh	4D-10A §	Bunting, Indigo	5B-10A
Kinglet, Golden-cr.	P.R.	Towhee, Rufous-sided	4C-10B
Ruby-crowned	4B-11A	Sparrow, Am. Tree	10B-4D
Gnatcatcher, B.-gray	4D-9A	Chipping	4B-10D
Bluebird, Eastern	3B-11B	Field	4A-11A
Veery	5A-9C	Veepers	4B-10D §
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	5C-9D	Savannah	4A-11A
Swainson's	5B-10C	Grasshopper	5B-9A †
Hermits	4B-11B	Fox	3D-4D 10A-11C
Wood	5A-10A	Song	3B-11A *
Robin, American	3A-11D *	Lincoln's	5B-10C
Catbird, Gray	5A-10D	Swamp	4B-11A
Mockingbird, Northern	P.R.	White-throated	4B-11C *
Thrasher, Brown	4D-10B	White-crowned	5A-5C 9C-10D
Pipit, Water	4A-5B 9B-11B	Junco, Dark-eyed	P.R.
Waxwing, Bohemian	12B-4A	Longspur, Lapland	10B-3B
Cedar	5C-10B *	Bunting, Snow	10C-3D
Shrike, Northern	10D-4B	Bobolink	5A-9D
Loggerhead	4A-8D †	Blackbird, R.-winged	2D-12B *
Starling, European	P.R.	Meadowlark, Eastern	3C-11A
Vireo, Solitary	4C-10C	Blackbird, Rusty	3B-11A †
Yellow-throated	5A-9C	Grackle, Common	3A-12B *
Warbling	5A-9D	Cowbird, Br.-headed	2D-12D *
Philadelphia	5B-9D †	Oriole, Orchard	5B-7B †
Red-eyed	5B-10A	Northern	5A-9D
Warbler, Blue-winged	5B-8D §	Grosbeak, Pine	10D-4A
Golden-winged	5B-8D §	Finch, Purple	P.R.
Tennessee	5B-10A †	House	P.R.
Orange-crowned	9C-10B	Crossbill, Red	1A-12D
Nashville	5A-10A	White-winged	1A-12D †
Parula, Northern	5A-9D	Redpoll, Common	11C-4D
Warbler, Yellow	5A-9D	Siskin, Pine	10A-5D *
Chestnut-sided	5A-9D	Goldfinch, American	P.R.
Magnolia	5A-10A	Grosbeak, Evening	P.R.
Cape May	5B-9D §	Sparrow, House	P.R.

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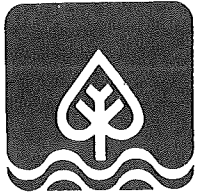
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Vermont Bird Records Committee Report 1990

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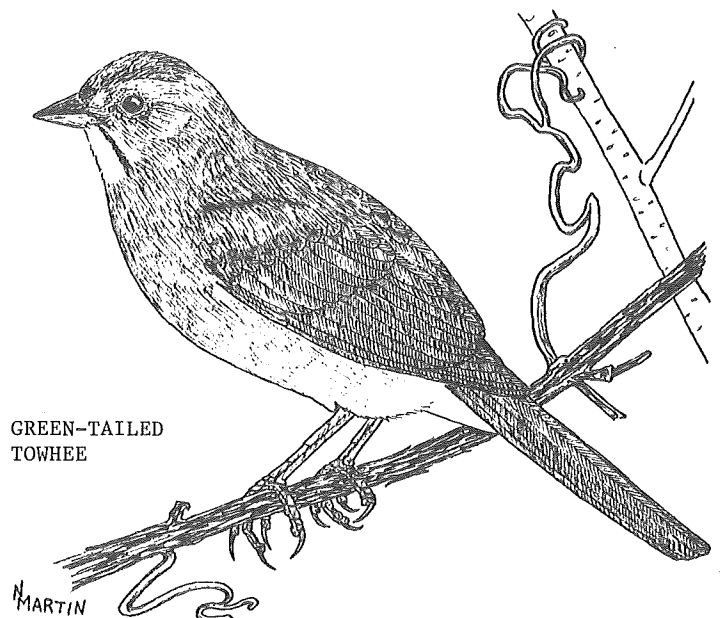
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FIRST STATE RECORDS

PACIFIC/ARCTIC LOON (Gavia pacifica/arctica) - one, just north of Crown Point Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 2, 11, and 12 November 1989. Frank Oatman, Wayne Scott, Jon Wood, George Hall, Betty Rist, William Meador, Richard Lavallee. First state record for either member of this pair of sibling species.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE (Pipilo chlorurus) - one, photographed, at Dick Thomas' garage near confluence of West and Connecticut Rivers, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 16 December 1989 through 5 May 1990. Whitney Nichols, Jeremy Coleman, Walter Ellison, Daniel Crook, Nancy Martin et al.. Photograph by Geoff LeBaron published in American Birds 44:222.



GREEN-TAILED
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NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

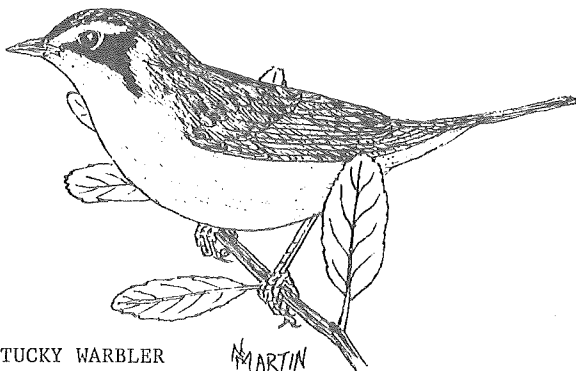
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AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (Pelecanus erythrorhynchos) - one, South Bay of Lake Memphremagog, Coventry and Newport, Orleans Cty., 3, 4, 6 May 1990. Paul Wagner, Nancy Martin, Walter Ellison. Fourth state record.

GREAT CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax carbo) - one, Whippel Fishing Access, Lake Memphremagog, Newport, Orleans Cty., 8 October 1989. Betty Rist and Dwight Cargill. Ninth state record.

COMMON EIDER (Somateria mollissima) - twenty (plus or minus) including two adult males, Lake Champlain, Missisquoi Bay, Highgate, Franklin Cty., 22 October 1988. William Crenshaw. Fifth state record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (Larus fuscus) - one adult in breeding plumage, photographed, Bixby Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 20 September 1990. Richard Lavallee, Chris Rimmer, Jeremy Coleman. Third state record.



KENTUCKY WARBLER

KENTUCKY WARBLER (Oporornis formosus) - one singing male, tape recorded, West Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 13 June 1990. Jeremy Coleman, Nancy Haydock. Sixth state record.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus) - one, Stagecoach Road, Morrisville, Lamoille Cty., 9 June 1990. Christopher Ludington. Third documented state record.

REPORT ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) - one adult in basic plumage, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 19 December 1989. Craig Provost. Second hypothetical record for this species, which is likely to be lumped with Iceland Gull soon.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

GADWALL (Anas strepera) - one female flushed from nest, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 13 May 1989. David Capen, Tom Meyer, Diane Pence. Confirmed nesting.
GADWALL (A. strepera) - three pair, nine or ten downy young, photographed, The Gut, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., May through August 1990. David Hoag. Confirmed nesting.

LONG-EARED OWL (Asio otus) - two photographed, Lake Road, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., February through April 1990. Joe Nelson, Scott Moreau. Possible nesting.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK (Chordeiles minor) - adult with two chicks, flat roof top, Day's Inn, Montpelier, Washington Cty., July 1990. Diane Pence. Confirmed nesting.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes erythrocephalus) - one pair and one other adult, Huestis Road .4 mile north of Middle Road, Bridport, Addison Cty., 1 June 1990. Martha Peterson and Bernie Galgoci. Possible nesting.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (M. erythrocephalus) - two adults and one juvenile, Ferrisburg, Addison Cty., 21, 24, 26, 27 July 1990. John and Margaret Dye.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (M. erythrocephalus) - one adult entering nest hole with food, on shore of Battenkill, West Arlington, Bennington Cty., 24 July 1990. Two immatures seen 2-7 September 1990. Cornelia Chapin and Nancy Simson. Confirmed nesting.

CAROLINA WREN (Thryothorus ludovicianus) - two adults, 4 young in first nesting; at least 2 young in a second nesting, Bennington, Bennington Cty., 29 April 1990 through summer 1990. Bonita and Richard Dundas and Gene and Ruth Kosche. Confirmed nesting.

OTHER RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION REPORTS

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) - one immature, Bagley Hill, Quechee, Windsor Cty., 4 November 1989. Edwin C. Johnson.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) - one adult gray morph, Button Bay State Park, Addison Cty., 18 December 1989. Betty Rist.

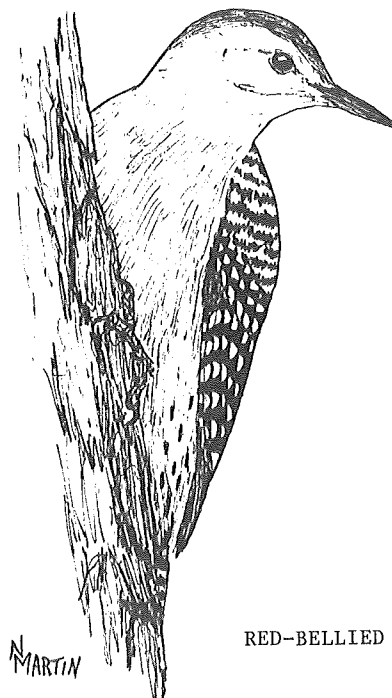
SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis) - one, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 16 September 1990. William Norse.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes carolinus) - one, Chester, Windsor Cty., 22 October 1989. Chester Adams.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (M. carolinus) - one female, Chase Hill on Marlboro/Guilford line, Windham Cty., 17 December 1989. Whitney Nichols, Al and Barbara Merritt.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (M. carolinus) - one male, Rattlin Bridge Road, Bridport, Addison Cty., 17 December 1989. Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews, John Nelson.

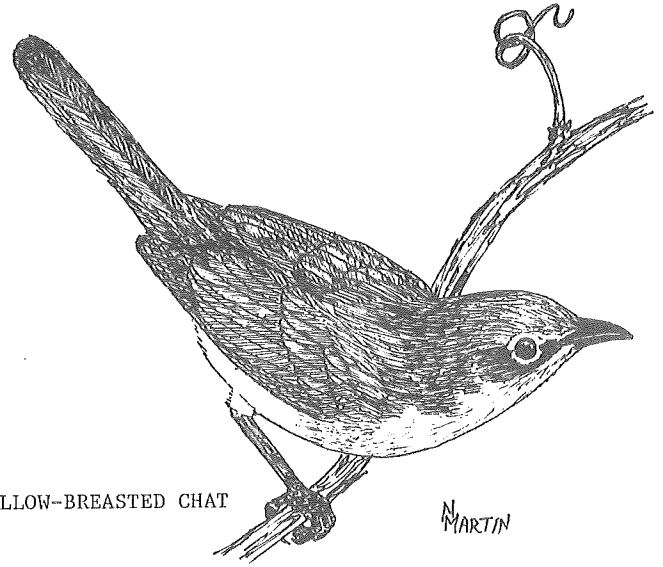
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (M. carolinus) - one female, Rattlin Bridge Road, Bridport, Addison Cty., 17 February 1990. Walter Ellison, Nancy Martin, Jean Sangdahl, Abbie Frost, and other members of Ascutney Mt. Audubon Society.



RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one immature, banded and photographed, Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 1 October 1990. Scott Hall, Chris Rimmer, Nancy Martin, Mark LaBarr et al..

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) - one, Underwood Mill Pond Bridge, Sunset Lake Road, Marlboro, Windham Cty., 13 September 1989. John P. Nevins.



YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

OUT OF SEASON REPORTS

CATTLE EGRET (*Bulbulcus ibis*) - one, Quaker Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 20 and 23 March 1990. Ev Grimes.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (*Mergus serrator*) - one female photographed, west shore, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 7, 28, 29 July and 17 August 1990. David Hoag.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*Bucephala islandica*) - one immature male, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 3-15 May 1990. David Hoag.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET (*Regulus calendula*) - one male, Newfane, Windham Cty., 16 December 1989. Sue Pierce and Marion Venn.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER (*Polioptila caerulea*) - one, Cave Road, Weybridge, Addison Cty., 17 December 1989. Alan Coulter.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING (*Bombycilla garrulus*) - six to fourteen, Shelburne Fishing Access, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 28 October 1989. Jeremy Coleman, Richard Lavallee.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING (*B. garrulus*) - thirty one, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., 31 October 1989. Frederick Pratt.

RUFOUS-SIDED (SPOTTED) TOWHEE western form (*Pipilo erythrophthalma maculatas*) - one photographed, Stamford Motel, Manchester Center, Bennington Cty., late December to at least 11 February 1990. Judith and Stephen Geriak, Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin. First record of this form for Vermont.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 17-25 December 1989. Richard and Dorothy Lavallee.

VESPER SPARROW (*Poocetes gramineus*) - one, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 17 December 1989. David Schwenker and Scott Horrigan.

VERMONT DAILY FIELD CARD		
DATE	LOCALITY	
OBSERVERS	TOTAL SPECIES	
NOTE: Median arrival and departure dates, or dates of occurrence, are indicated by numbers for the months, and by A, B, C, D, for the weeks of each month.		
EXAMPLE: Goose, Snow 3D-5C 10A-12C means that Snow Geese are present from the last week in March (3D) until the third week in May (5C) and again in the autumn from the first week in October (10A) through the third week in December (12C).		
* = occasionally present in limited numbers other than in stated periods.		
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§ = local breeder.		
bold face = breeding bird.		
P.R. = permanent resident; predictably present throughout the year.		
GAVIIFORMES	CHARADRIIFORMES	
Loon, Red-throated 10D-12C	Plover, Black-bellied 5C-5D 8C-11A	
Common 4B-1B †	Lesser Golden- 8C-10D	
PODICIPEDIFORMES	Semipalmated 5C-5D 7D-10B	
Grebe, Pied-billed 3D-11D †	Killdeer 3A-11A	
Horned 4A-5A 10A-1C	Yellowlegs, Greater 4B-5D 7B-11A	
Red-necked 4B-5A 10B-12C	Lesser 5A-5D 7B-10C	
PELICANIFORMES	Sandpiper, Solitary 4D-5D 7B-10B	
Cormorant, Double-cr. 4A-11A §	Spotted 4D-10C	
CICONIIFORMES	Upland 4D-8D †	
Bittern, American 4B-10B	Whimbrel 8D-9A	
Least 5C-8D †	Turnstone, Ruddy 5D-6A 7D-9D	
Heron, Great Blue 3B-12C *	Knot, Red 8D-9D	
Egret, Great 4D-5D 7D-9B	Sanderling 8C-10B	
Snowy 5B-9B †	Sandpiper, Semipalmated 5B-5D 7C-10C	
Cattle 4C-9B †	Least 5B-5D 7B-10A	
Heron, Green-backed 4D-10B	White-rumped 8B-11A	
Black-cr. Night- 4C-10A §	Baird's 8B-10A	
Ibis, Glossy 4D-5D	Pectoral 4C-5C 7D-11A	
ANSERIFORMES	Purple 10D-11B	
Goose, Snow 3D-5C 10A-12C	Dunlin 9B-11B	
Brant 4C-5D 10C-11D	Sandpiper, Silt 7D-9B	
Goose, Canada P.R.	Dowitcher, Sh.-billed 5C-5D 7C-9A	
Duck, Wood 3C-12C	Woodcock, American 3D-11A	
Teal, Green-winged 3D-12B †	Snipe, Common 3D-11A	
Duck, American Black P.R.	Phalarope, Wilson's 8B-8D	
Mallard P.R.	Red-necked 8C-9A	
Pinball, Northern 3B-12C * †	Gull, Little 10A-11C	
Teal, Blue-winged 3D-10C	Bonaparte's 5A-5C 7C-12D	
Shoveler, Northern 4A-5C 9A-11A	Ring-billed P.R. §	
Gadwall 3D-12B †	Herring P.R. §	
Wigeon, American 3B-5B 9A-11A	Iceland 11C-4B	
Canvasback 3C-4D 10D-1C	Glaucous 12A-4A	
Redhead 4A-4C 11D-1C	Great Black-backed P.R. †	
Duck, Ring-necked 3C-5C 9A-12C	Tern, Common 5A-9C †	
Scaup, Greater 3C-5A 10A-1D	Black 5A-8A §	
Lesser 3D-5A 9D-12C	COLUMBIFORMES	
Oldsquaw 4A-5C 10D-12C	Dove, Rock P.R.	
Scoter, Black 4B-5C 10A-12A	Mourning P.R.	
Surf 4C-5C 10A-11C	CUCULIFORMES	
White-winged 4D-5C 10B-12C	Cuckoo, Black-billed 5C-9D	
Goldeneye, Common P.R.	Yellow-billed 5D-9D	
Barrow's 11B-3C	STRIGIFORMES	
Bufflehead 3A-5C 10C-1D	Barn-Owl, Common †	
Merganser, Hooded 3C-12D *	Screech-Owl, Eastern P.R.	
Common P.R.	Owl, Great Horned P.R.	
Red-breasted 3D-5C 10C-1A * †	Snowy 11B-3B	
Duck, Ruddy 11A-11D	Barred P.R.	
FALCONIFORMES	Long-eared P.R. †	
Vulture, Turkey 3B-11A	Short-eared P.R. †	
Osprey 4A-11B †	Northern Saw-whet P.R.	
Eagle, Bald 1A-12D	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Harrier, Northern 3B-1A * †	Nighthawk, Common 5C-9B	
Hawk, Sharp-shinned P.R.	Whip-poor-will 5A-9A †	
Cooper's P.R. †	APODIFORMES	
Goshawk, Northern P.R.	Swift, Chimney 4D-9C	
Hawk, Red-shouldered 3B-11C	Hummingbird, R.-thr. 5A-9D	
Broad-winged 3D-10C	CORACIFORMES	
Red-tailed P.R.	Kingfisher, Belted 3C-12D *	
Rough-legged 10A-5A	PICIFORMES	
Eagle, Golden 3D-4C 11A-11D	Woodpecker, Red-headed P.R. †	
Keatrel, American 3A-12D *	Sapsucker, Y.-bellied 4A-10C	
Merlin 4A-5B 8D-10B	Woodpecker, Downy P.R.	
Falcon, Peregrine 3D-10D * †	Halcy P.R.	
GALLIFORMES	Three-toed 1A-12D †	
Partridge, Gray P.R. §	Black-backed P.R. †	
Phasant, Ring-necked 1A-12D	Flicker, Northern 3B-11B	
Grouse, Spruce P.R. †	Woodpecker, Pileated P.R.	
Ruffed P.R.	PASSERIFORMES	
Turkey, Wild P.R.	Flycatcher, Olive-sided 5C-9B	
Bobwhite, Northern 1A-12D	Wood-Pewee, Eastern 5C-9D	
GRUIFORMES	Flycatcher, Y.-bellied 5C-9C	
Rail, Virginia 4C-10B	Alder 5C-9C	
Sora 4C-10A †	Willow 5C-9B	
Moorhen, Common 4D-10A §	Least 5A-9D	
Coot, American 4B-5D 9D-12D * †	Phoebe, Eastern 3D-10C	

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) - one immature, Dummerston, Windham Cty., 16 December 1989. Whitney Nichols.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Z. leucophrys*) - one adult, North Concord, Essex Cty., 12 June 1990. Chris Rimmer.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*Euphagus carolinus*) - three, St. Albans Bay, Franklin Cty., 17 December 1989. Dwight Cargill and Deb Davis.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*E. carolinus*) - one, Route 100A 1/2 mile south of Bridgewater Corners, Windsor Cty., 3 January 1990. Chris Rimmer.



UNUSUAL LOCATION

GRAY JAY (*Perisoreus canadensis*) - one photographed, Shelburne-Hinesburg Road, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., November 1989 to at least 3 February 1990. Eveleen and Terry Cecchini.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) - one male, White River Junction, Windsor Cty., 11 September 1989. Daniel Crook.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*P. arcticus*) - one female, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 3 February 1990. William Norse.

Flycatcher, Great Cr.	5A-9C	Black-throated Blue	5A-10A
Kingbird, Eastern	4D-9C	Yellow-rumped	4B-11C *
Lark, Horned	P.R.	Black-throated Green	4D-10B
Martin, Purple	4C-9A	Blackburnian	5A-9D
Swallow, Tree	3D-10B	Pine	4B-9D
N. Rough-winged	4C-8D	Prairie	5B-9B \$
Bank	4C-9C	Palm	4B-5B 9B-10C
Cliff	4D-9C	Bay-breasted	5B-9D †
Barn	4C-9D	Blackpoll	5C-10A
Jay, Gray	P.R. †	Cerulean	5C-8B †
Blue	P.R.	Black-and-white	4D-9D
Crow, American	P.R.	Redstart, American	5A-10A
Raven, Common	P.R.	Ovenbird	5A-9D
Chickadee, Bl.-capped	P.R.	Waterthrush, Northern	5A-9C
Boreal	P.R. \$	Louisiana	4C-8B
Tilmouse, Tufted	P.R.	Warbler, Mourning	5C-10A
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	P.R.	Yellowthroat, Common	5A-10D
White-breasted	P.R.	Warbler, Wilson's	5B-9D †
Creepie, Brown	P.R.	Canada	5B-9C
Wren, Carolina	1A-12D †	Chat, Yellow-breasted	5C-10B
House	4D-10B	Tanager, Scarlet	5A-10A
Winter	4A-11B *	Cardinal, Northern	P.R.
Sedge	5D-9A †	Grosbeak, Rose-br.	5A-10B
Marsh	4D-10A \$	Bunting, Indigo	5B-10A
Kinglet, Golden-cr.	P.R.	Towhee, Rufous-sided	4C-10B
Ruby-crowned	4B-11A	Sparrow, Am. Tree	10B-4D
Gnatcatcher, B.-gray	4D-9A	Chipping	4B-10D
Bluebird, Eastern	3B-11B	Field	4A-11A
Veery	5A-9C	Veepie	4B-10D \$
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	5C-9D	Savannah	4A-11A
Swainson's	5B-10C	Grasshopper	5B-9A †
Hermit	4B-11B	Fox	3D-4D 10A-11C
Wood	5A-10A	Song	3B-11A *
Robin, American	3A-11D *	Lincoln's	5B-10C
Catbird, Gray	5A-10D	Swamp	4B-11A
Mockingbird, Northern	P.R.	White-throated	4B-11C *
Thrasher, Brown	4D-10B	White-crowned	5A-5C 9C-10D
Pipit, Water	4A-5B 9B-11B	Junco, Dark-eyed	P.R.
Waxwing, Bohemian	12B-4A	Longspur, Lapland	10B-3B
Cedar	5C-10B *	Bunting, Snow	10C-3D
Shrike, Northern	10D-4B	Bobolink	5A-9D
Loggerhead	4A-8D †	Blackbird, R.-winged	2D-12B *
Starling, European	P.R.	Meadowlark, Eastern	3C-11A
Vireo, Solitary	4C-10C	Blackbird, Rusty	3B-11A †
Yellow-throated	5A-9C	Grackle, Common	3A-12B *
Warbling	5A-9D	Cowbird, Br.-headed	2D-12D *
Philadelphia	5B-9D †	Oriole, Orchard	5B-7B †
Red-eyed	5B-10A	Northern	5A-9D
Warbler, Blue-winged	5B-8D \$	Grosbeak, Pine	10D-4A
Golden-winged	5B-8D \$	Finch, Purple	P.R.
Tennessee	5B-10A †	House	P.R.
Orange-crowned	9C-10B	Crossbill, Red	1A-12D
Nashville	5A-10A	White-winged	1A-12D †
Parula, Northern	5A-9D	Redpoll, Common	11C-4D
Warbler, Yellow	5A-9D	Siskin, Pine	10A-5D *
Chestnut-sided	5A-9D	Goldfinch, American	P.R.
Magnolia	5A-10A	Grosbeak, Evening	P.R.
Cape May	5B-9D \$	Sparrow, House	P.R.

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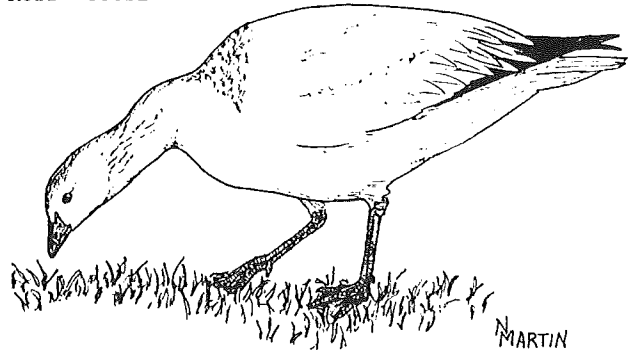
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ROSS' GOOSE



FIRST STATE RECORDS

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (Dendrocygna bicolor) - one adult female, legally shot by hunter Michael Stenta, specimen photographed. Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Highgate Springs, Franklin Cty., 13 October 1990. John B. Gallegos, Michael Stenta, Jerry R. Longcore.

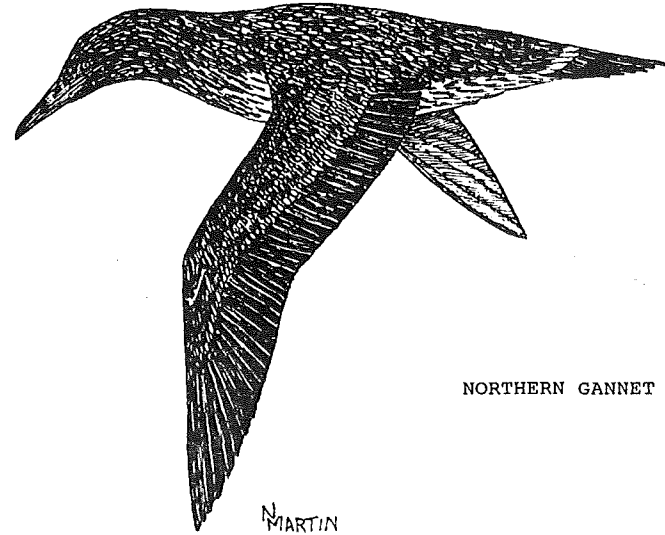
ROSS' GOOSE (Chen rossii) - one immature, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 27 October and 25 November 1990. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin, Bryan M. Pfeiffer. First for New England.

CURLEW SANDPIPER (Calidris ferruginea) - one in breeding plumage, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Panton, Addison Cty., 13 July 1991. Dwight L. Cargill, Craig S. Provost, George E. (Terry) Hall.

RUFF (Philomachus pugnax) - one adult male, Panton/Vergennes Road, Panton, Addison Cty., 6-14 July 1991. Betty Rist Jillson, Julia M. Nicholson, Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin et al.. Two previous records (1974, 1982) are considered hypothetical.

Selasphorus HUMMINGBIRD species Rufous or Allen's, photographed (identification by experts sought) - one male, Jennings residence, So. Starksboro, Addison Cty., 1-9 August 1991. Francis and Corinne Jennings. First record of this genus.

WESTERN KINGBIRD (Tyrannus verticalis) - one immature, Route 12 south of Barnard, Windsor Cty., 22 September 1989. J. Jay Hand, Lucy Hand, N. L. Martin. First fully documented record.



NORTHERN GANNET

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

EARED GREBE (Podiceps nigricollis) - one, Kellogg's Bay, Ferrisburg, Addison Cty., 15 December 1990. Alan Pistorius, Jay and Leslie Wisner. Third state record.

NORTHERN GANNET (Morus bassanus) - one first year individual, Ladd Point, Grand Isle Cty., 17 December 1990. Richard B. Lavallee. Eighth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (Anser albifrons) - one, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison Cty., 11 December 1990. C. J. Frankiewicz. Sixth state record.

ROSS' GOOSE (Chen rossii) - one adult, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison Cty., 29 October 1990. Judith A. Peterson. Second state record.

ROSS' GOOSE (C. rossii) - one adult, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison Cty., 17 October 1991. Judith A. Peterson. Third state record.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (Vireo griseus) - one male, West Rutland Marsh, Rutland Cty., 7 May 1991. Michael H. Blust. N. L. Martin, W. G. Ellison. Ninth state record.
WHITE-EYED VIREO (V. griseus) - one male, Route 102, Maidstone, Essex Cty., 26 June and 2 July 1991. James E. Osborn III. Tenth state record.

WESTERN Tanager (Piranga ludoviciana) - one, West Road, Panton, Addison Cty., 22 August 1991. Robert and Betty Wotton, Paul Blair. Fifth state record.

ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

LAUGHING GULL (Larus atricilla) - one adult, flooded field along Barton River c. 2.5 miles north of the town of Orleans, Orleans Cty., 22 April 1990. Frank Oatman, Jon Wood. Would be first state record. (First state records require documentation by two independent observers.)
LAUGHING GULL (L. atricilla) - one adult, Burlington waterfront, Chittenden Cty., 9 August 1990. Craig S. Scharf, Ed Good. Would be second state record.

PIED-BILLED GREBE (Podilymbus podiceps) - 2 adults, three chicks, Berlin Pond, Berlin, Washington Cty., 28 July 1991. Ted S. Allen. Confirmed nesting.

NORTHERN PINTAIL (Anas acuta) - hen with four young, photographed, Blackwell's Swamp, Grand Isle Cty., 26 and 28 June 1991. David J. Hoag. Confirmed nesting.

AMERICAN WIGEON (Anas americana) - hen with ten downy young, photographed, Bixby Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 23 June 1991. D. J. Hoag. Confirmed nesting.

AMERICAN WIGEON (A. americana) - hen with three downy young, photographed, Blackwell's Swamp (Nichols Point), Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 28 June 1991. D. J. Hoag. Confirmed nesting.

AMERICAN WIGEON (A. americana) - hen with nine young and hen with six downy young, Brown's Marsh (Simm's Point), Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 30 June 1991. D. J. Hoag. Confirmed nesting.

COOPER'S HAWK (Accipiter cooperii) - one male defending nest, Chester, Windsor Cty., 20 May 1991. Chester E. Adams. Confirmed nesting.

LONG EARED OWL (Asio otus) - one heard, Abbott residence, SW corner of Hinesburg, Chittenden Cty., early April to mid May 1991. J. A. Peterson for Kristin Abbott. Possible nesting.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (Empidonax virescens) - two singing males, Guilford, Windham Cty., 27 May to 23 June 1991. W. G. Ellison, N. L. Martin. Probable nesting.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) - one nest building, west of Rt. 30, s.w. Whiting, Addison Cty., 30 June 1991. J. M. Nicholson, Elizabeth F. Gilbert. Probable nesting.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW (Ammodramus savannarum) - one singing male, Lemon Fair Road, Weybridge, Addison Cty., 6 and 8 June 1990. J. A. Peterson, Marge B. Nelson. Possible nesting.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW (A. savannarum) - one singing male, Field Days Road, New Haven, Addison Cty., 21 June 1990 and 28 May 1991. J. A. Peterson, Emma Raymond. Possible nesting.

VESPER SPARROW (Pooecetes gramineus) - one, and nest with four eggs, a dry knoll, Chester, Windsor Cty., 17 June 1990. C. E. Adams. Confirmed nesting.

OTHER RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION REPORTS

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) - one adult, Manchester, Bennington Cty., 4 September 1990. Scott Cairns.

TUNDRA SWAN (Cygnus columbianus) - one adult, Herricks Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 26 October 1990. Lloyd Bunten, Peter Hunt.

TUNDRA SWAN (C. columbianus) - one adult, photographed, Bellows Falls, Windham Cty., 30 November 1990. Daniel H. Crook, Jeremy Coleman, et al. Probably same bird as above.

TUNDRA SWAN (C. columbianus) - four adult, three immature, photographed, Johnson Pond, Shrewsbury, Rutland Cty., 30 November 1990. Connie Youngstrom, Larry Carrara, Sally Jones.

TUNDRA SWAN (C. columbianus) - two adult, 4 immature, two miles north of Norwich, Windsor Cty., 23 December 1990. D. H. Crook, George F. Ellison, Kevin R. Taft, et al.. Present from 9 December until 1 January 1991.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) - one photographed at the Vermont Raptor Center, Woodstock, died of gunshot wounds. From North Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 2 January 1991. Todd Lynch, Peter L. Whitlock.
GOLDEN EAGLE (A. chrysaetos) - one immature, Brownell Mt., Williston, Chittenden Cty., 11 April 1991. Peter C. Riley.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) - one gray morph, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 28 January 1990. D. L. Cargill, B. R. Jillson.

GYRFALCON (F. rusticolus) - one white morph, near border of Addison town, Bridport, Addison Cty., 13 January 1991. B. R. Jillson, Ernest E. Jillson.

SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis) - one, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 15 and 18 May 1990. William Crenshaw, John Campbell, John Mlcuch.

GODWIT (Limosa species) - one juvenile, Ompompanoosuc River, Norwich, Windsor Cty., 29 October 1990. Lloyd Bunten.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (L. haemastica) - one juvenile, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 28 August 1991. J. A. Peterson.

RED PHALAROPE (Phalaropus fulicarius) - one juvenile molting to first basic plumage, Lake Pinneo, Quechee, Windsor Cty., 11 October 1990. W. G. Ellison.

RED PHALAROPE (P. fulicarius) - one juvenile photographed, Converse Bay, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 27 October 1990. N. L. Martin, W. G. Ellison, R. B. Lavallee.

RED PHALAROPE (P. fulicarius) - one juvenile molting to first basic plumage, photographed, St. Albans Bay, Franklin Cty., 24 September 1991. D. L. Cargill.

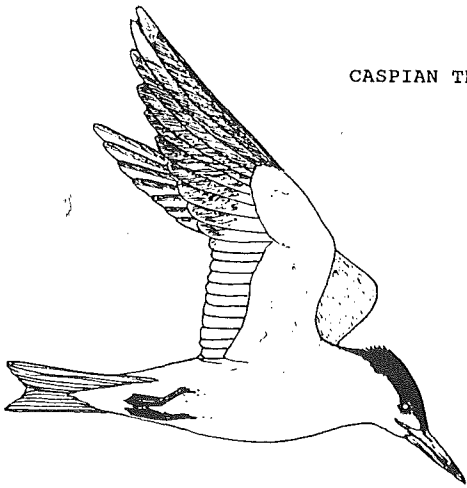
RED PHALAROPE (P. fulicarius) - one juvenile molting into first basic plumage, photographed, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 29 September 1991. David J. Hoag.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (Rissa tridactyla) - two in juvenile plumage, photographed, South Hero and Savage Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 20 August 1990. W. G. Ellison, N. L. Martin, R. B. Lavallee.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (R. tridactyla) - one observed and later found dead, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 8 August 1991. Dorrit Merton, Lisa Merton, Alan Dater. Specimen at VINS.

CASPIAN TERN (Sterna caspia) - two adult, delta at mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate Springs, Franklin Cty., 29 July 1991. Christopher C. Rimmer, Mark S. LaBarr.

CASPIAN TERN (S. caspia) - one, Gull Rock Island, North Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 13 August 1991. Mark LaBarr. Possibly one of the above.



CASPIAN TERN

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (Surnia ulula) - one photographed, Fairgrounds Road, North Springfield, Windsor Cty., 25 December 1990. Kay and Oliver Peck, Eleanor Ellis, J. M. Nicholson, et mult. al.. Present from 17 December until late January.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes carolinus) - one adult female, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., 30 December 1990. C. J. Frankiewicz.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (M. carolinus) - one male photographed, female also present, Hubbards' residence, Middlebury, Addison Cty., all winter to 15 March 1991. Kathy and Peter Hubbard, J. A. Peterson.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (M. carolinus) - one (heard, not seen), West Haven, Rutland Cty., 10 May 1991. E. F. Gilbert, J. M. Nicholson.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (Picoides tridactylus) - one male, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 16 and 17 January 1991. Helen K. and Robert Vail.

VARIED THRUSH (Ixoreus naevius) - one, Williston, Chittenden Cty., 12 January to at least 19 January 1991. Peggy W. Larson, Kathy Yandell.

CERULEAN WARBLER (Dendroica cerulea) - one, Spencer's Cabin Hawk Watch site, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 1 September 1991. William J. Norse.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis) - one hatch year female, banded, Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 10 September 1991. N. L. Martin, C. C. Rimmer et al..

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata) - one, Quechee, Hartford, Windsor Cty., 11 October 1990. W. G. Ellison.

OUT OF SEASON REPORTS

RED-NECKED GREBE (Podiceps grisegena) - one, Eagle Point, Lake Memphremagog, Derby, Orleans Cty., 30 July 1991. Tom Hickcox.

WOOD DUCK (Aix sponsa) - one adult male, Wilder Dam, Wilder, Windsor Cty., 30 December 1990. W. G. Ellison, N. L. Martin.

NORTHERN PINTAIL (Anas acuta) - one immature male, Otter Creek, Clarendon, Rutland Cty., 30 December 1990. C. J. Frankiewicz.

GREATER SCAUP (Aythya marila) - one male, Tromp's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 17 August 1990. D. J. Hoag.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (Mergus serrator) - four hens, photographed, Nichols Point, Grand Isle, and one hen photographed, Bixby Island, Grand Isle Cty., 14 June and 24 July 1991. D. J. Hoag.

TURKEY VULTURE (Cathartes aura) - one, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 11 February 1991. John D. Marsh.

OSPREY (Pandion haliaetus) - one, Lake Fairlee, Fairlee, Orange Cty., 2 December 1990. Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (Buteo platypterus) - one, Lincoln Hill, Hinesburg, Addison Cty., 2 March 1991. Patricia A. Taber.

KILLDEER (Charadrius vociferus) - one, Shellhouse Mt. Rd., Ferrisburg, Addison Cty., 15 December 1991. Margaret C. and John I. Dye.

COMMON SNIBE (Gallinago gallinago) - one, Woodward Reservoir, Plymouth, Windsor Cty., 17 and 18 December 1990. William F. Nacel.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (Sphyrapicus varius) - one, probably immature, male, Londonderry, Windham Cty., 19 December 1990. C. C. Rimmer, Paul R. Wiczoreck, Louis DuPont.

BROWN THRASHER (Toxostoma rufum) - one, River Street, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 5-27 January 1991. J. David Laughlin, Janet Mayberry, Lantz Cook.

GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis) - one, Vernon, Windham Cty., 20 December 1990. W. G. Ellison

PINE WARBLER (Dendroica pinus) - one, Springfield, Windsor Cty., 15, 25, 31 December 1990. Wally Elton, Sue Buckley.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (Geothlypis trichas) - one, N. Springfield, Windsor Cty., 30 December 1990. Tait E. Johansson.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (Passerculus sandwichensis) - one, Nortontown Road, Addison, Addison Cty., 16 December 1990. Kristine M. Andrews.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW (Ammodramus savannarum) - one, Chester, Windsor Cty., 30 December 1990 and 2-3 January 1991. T. E. Johansson. Photograph published in American Birds.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW (Melospiza lincolni) - one, North Springfield, Windsor Cty., 13 January 1991. Lesley Sneddon, Larry Master.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (Zonotrichia leucophrys) - one, Marlboro, Windham Cty., 15 and 22 March 1990. John P. Nevins.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (Sturnella magna) - one, Monkton, Addison Cty., 26 January 1991. Susan S. and George Wetmore, Elizabeth E. and Joe Barbarise.

BARNACLE GOOSE (Branta leucopsis) - two, Maidstone, Essex Cty., 14-19 May 1990. Roger Irwin, David Killam, Barbara Killam. Indeterminate origin.

WIGEON X Anas sp. - one hybrid, Nichol's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 24 March 1991. D. J. Hoag.

BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET (Nandayus nenday) - one, Shelburne Bay, Chittenden Cty., 20 May 1990. Steve R. Antell.

"BREWSTER'S" WARBLER (Vermivora pinus X chrysoptera.) one hybrid, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 15 September 1991. William J. Norse.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION

The Vermont Bird Records Committee (VBRC) emphasizes the importance of descriptive and detailed documentation for all rarities, rare nesting species and out-of-season species.

The committee is anxious to involve all Vermont birders in the process of producing as accurate a Vermont state list as possible. This list and all documentation must be credible to future ornithologists who will use the material for research. Suggestions for improving the reporting/voting process will be gratefully received by the committee.

It is frustrating for both the observer and the committee to have a tantalizing sighting of a rare species not listed due to insufficient details.

Writing down the salient points of identification, talking into a tape recorder, making a quick sketch or taking a photograph at the time of observation are ways to help with accurate recounting later.

The Rare Species Documentation (RSD) form is both for filing the reports and is intended as a guide for the information needed. After completing the first page, reporters may prefer to write the description of the bird on a separate sheet of paper but checking the form for details requested.

Again the VBRC expresses its thanks to all observers who have contributed valuable information to the Vermont state list thus far.

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The Committee and the editors of the Records of Vermont Birds express their appreciation to the many Vermont birders who report to the Records of Vermont Birds and to the birders who have taken the time and trouble to fill out detailed reports on rare species. These reports add greatly to Vermont's data base on birds. Careful recording of the details of plumage and identification are necessary.

SPECIES FOR WHICH DETAILED REPORTS ARE REQUIRED
(Write to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science for Rare Species Documentation forms (RSD's) or for Rare Species Nesting Report forms (RNR's).

1) A documentation report is required for any species not included on the Vermont Daily Field Card and for any species significantly outside the usual dates of occurrence in Vermont.

2) In addition, RSD's are required in all seasons for:

Golden Eagle	Black-backed Woodpecker
Barn Owl	(outside the Northeast Kingdom)
Long-eared Owl	Sedge Wren
Three-toed Woodpecker	Orange-crowned Warbler
	Yellow-breasted Chat

3) RNR's are requested on the following species (which are rare nesters in Vermont) if the species is observed in the proper breeding habitat during the breeding season (exceptions or special cases follow each species name in parentheses):

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Least Bittern (except for the West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek and Missisquoi)
- Great Egret (between 15 May and 15 July)
- Northern Shoveler
- American Wigeon
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Osprey (if nesting evidence is observed)
- Bald Eagle (if nesting evidence is observed)

- Northern Harrier (outside the Champlain Valley)
- Cooper's Hawk (if nesting evidence is observed)
- Peregrine Falcon
- Spruce Grouse
- Sora (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek, and Missisquoi Marshes)
- Upland Sandpiper
- Short-eared Owl
- Red-headed Woodpecker (if probable or confirmed)
- Gray Jay (outside the Northeast Kingdom)
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Orchard Oriole (if nesting evidence observed)
- Pine Grosbeak
- Red Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)
- White-winged Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)

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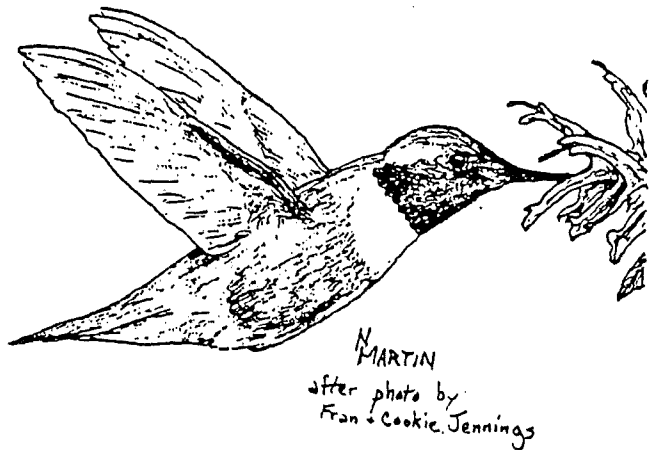


FIRST STATE RECORDS

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) - one adult in breeding plumage, Barton River floodplain north of Orleans, Orleans Cty., 22 April 1990. Jon Wood, Frank Oatman. Accepted as hypothetical in 1990 pending a second independent report, now on file.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus rufus*) - one male, photographed, Jennings residence, So. Starksboro, Addison Cty., 1-9 August 1991. Francis and Corrine Jennings. Accepted in 1991 as to genus. William Baltosser, Univ. of Arkansas at Little Rock, confirmed species, May 1992.

Rufous Hummingbird



NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - one immature, possible second year, north end of Lake Morey, Fairlee, Orange Cty., 13 October 1991. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin. Tenth state record.

ROSS'S GOOSE (*Chen rossii*) - three adults, Rt. 17, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 21 November 1991, Judith A. Peterson. Fourth state record.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) - one adult female, at Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 28 April 1992. Ray E. Griffin, Jim Wilson, Donald B. Clark, Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin. Sixth state record.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) - two drakes; Simms Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 18 April 1992. David J. Hoag. Photographs. Eighth state record.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*A. penelope*) - one drake, Lewis Creek, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 7 May 1992. JoAnn D. Appleton. Ninth state record.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) - one first year male, on Winooski River at Pioneer St. Bridge, Montpelier, Washington Cty., 10 December 1991. Ted Gaine. Eighth state record.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) - one immature in first basic plumage, at Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 19 January 1992. George E. (Terry) Hall. Same bird observed 2 February 1992, Walter G. Ellison and Nancy L. Martin, Burlington waterfront. Second state record.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, at St. Albans Bay State Park, Franklin Cty., 11 October 1992. Scott and Mila Morrill. Third state record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) - one, at residence of Andy and Esther Skilling, Enosburg Falls, Franklin Cty., 5 March 1992. Photographed. Bill Donlon et al. Sixth state record.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax virescens*) - one adult male, singing at Stone Bridge Access, Panton, Addison Cty., 2 July 1992. Tom Fiore, Bob Machover, John Suggs, Scott Morrill. Sixth state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) - one immature, at Tromp's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 22 September 1992. David J. Hoag. Fifth state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*O. oenanthe*) - one immature, at Ladd Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 7 October 1992. Richard B. Lavalley. Sixth state record. Possibly the same bird as the above but described differently in the two reports.

KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Oporornis formosus*) - one adult female, banded by Jeremy Coleman in W. Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 14 September 1990. Seventh state record.

ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) - one, downtown Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 8 April 1992. Identified by vocalization. Thomas Maloney, John Dunn. Would be first state record. (First state records require independent documentation by two observers.)

RARE NESTING SPECIES

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) - two adults tending a crude nest, Bristol Pond, Bristol, Addison Cty., 22 July 1992. Judith Peterson, Emma Raymond. Confirmed nesting. Probably the first attempt by this pair at nesting.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) - two adults and one immature in location where adults had been seen in May, Market Road near Lake St., Bridport, Addison Cty., 5 August 1992. Judith Peterson, Walter Borden. Confirmed nesting.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW (*Ammodramus savaannarum*) - one singing male, one adult carrying food, Peet Road, Cornwall, Addison Cty., 22 June 1992. Judith Peterson, Emma Raymond.

OTHER RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) - one immature, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 26 July 1992. William J. Norse.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) - one immature, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 1-8 April 1991. Whitney Nichols. TUNDRA SWAN (*C. columbianus*) - two adults and four immatures, Lake Champlain off Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 3 November 1991. Glen and Elizabeth Wood.

TUNDRA SWAN (*C. columbianus*) - one, Allen's Marsh, Westminster, 10 and 11 April and at Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, 15 April 1992. Ray E. Griffin, Donald B. Clark et al.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (*Bucephala islandica*) - one adult male, Burlington waterfront, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 15 December 1991. Nancy L. Martin.

RUDDY DUCK (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) - one drake, Simms Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 14-18 April 1992. David J. Hoag. Photograph.

RUDDY DUCK (*O. jamaicensis*) - one female, McCuen Slang, Addison, Addison Cty., 21 May 1992. Susan Wetmore, Mary Lou Webster, Helen Brokaw, Betty Barbarise.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aguila chrysaetos*) - one immature, banding station, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 25 October 1990. Rodney Olsen.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one sub-adult or adult, banding station, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 26 October 1990. Rodney Olsen.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one immature, Smith Haven hawk watch site, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 23 October 1991. William J. Norse.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one adult, Brownell Mt., Williston, Chittenden Cty., 29 October 1991. Peter C. Riley.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one immature, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 25 and 30 November 1991. Willard R. Beecher.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - one adult, gray morph, Slang Road, Panton, Addison Cty., 23 November 1991. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, gray morph, Pleasant Valley Rd., Rockingham, Windham Cty., 15 December 1991. Douglas P. Kibbe.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, white morph, junction of Otter Creek and Lemon Fair River, Weybridge, Addison Cty., 15 December 1991. Wayne Scott, Barbara Otsuka, Alan Coulter, Barbara Brosnan, John Chamberlain.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one adult, gray morph, Colchester Point, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 29 December 1991. Christopher Fichtel, Kate Barnhart.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one adult, black morph, South Burlington landfill, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 1 January 1992. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, gray morph, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 5 February 1992. Judith A. Peterson, George E. (Terry) Hall.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, gray morph, Page Rd. Whiting, Addison Cty., 14 February 1992. Judith A. Peterson, Emma Raymond.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, gray morph, Weybridge, Addison Cty., 21 March 1992. C. J. Frankiewicz, Jim Pennington.

LARGE FALCON (*Falco species*) - one, presumably gray morph gyrfalcon, seen in company of white morph gyrfalcon in Weybridge, Addison Cty., 15 December 1991. Wayne Scott, Barbara Otsuka, Alan Coulter, Barbara Brosnan.

LARGE FALCON (*Falco species*) - one, peregrine or dark morph gyrfalcon, Lewis Creek, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 16 December 1991. JoAnn D. Appleton.

SPRUCE GROUSE (*Dendragapus canadensis*) - one adult male, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 14 June 1992. Karl David.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) - one, upper Meadows near Connecticut River, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 24 and 25 April 1992.

Wayne Amsden, Ray E. Griffin, Donald B. Clark.

SANDHILL CRANE (*G. canadensis*) - one, West Road, Panton, Addison Cty., 29 July 1992. Bill Krueger, Charles Mitchell.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*) - two, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 18 October 1991. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - three, Lake Rd., Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 23 October 1991. Paul Wiczorek.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - two, Blanchard Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 23 October 1991. Gilbert Bolsterle.

RED KNOT (*Calidris canutus*) - three adults in breeding plumage, Nichols' Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 5 June 1992. David J. Hoag. Four adults present 10 June. Photographs.

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) - one immature, Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Rutland Cty., 9 November 1991. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) - two in alternate plumage, Missisquoi Bay, Highgate Springs, Franklin Cty., 3 August 1992. Mark LaBarr.

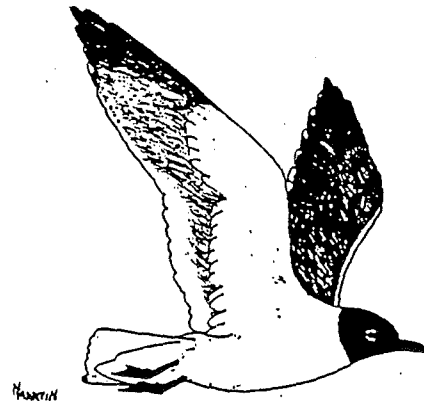
BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) - one, at McBride residence, Barre Town, Washington Cty., 2 July 1992. Daniel and Sue McBride. Feather attached to report.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*Surnia ulula*) - one, E. Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 12 November 1991. Deborah C. Davis.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*S. ulula*) - one, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 8 December 1991. Richard B. Lavallee.

GREAT GRAY OWL (*Strix nebulosa*) - one, Eagle Point, North Derby, Orleans Cty., 23 February 1992. Brian Tweed. Photographed.

Laughing Gull



RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) - one adult, Bishop Road, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., early November 1991. Margaret Libby.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*M. carolinus*) - one adult female, Elm St. Extension, Pittsford, Rutland Cty., 3 March 1992. Susan Wetmore et al.

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) - one male, Pinewood Ave., Springfield, Windsor Cty., 29 December 1991 and 5 January 1992. Joan Kraft.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) - one adult, banded at Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 22 May 1992. Christopher Rimmer, Nancy L. Martin et al. Photograph.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) - one, probably adult female or immature male, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 5 September 1992. Scott Morrill.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) - one hatch-year, banded at Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 10 September 1991. Ted Gaine et al. Photograph.

OUT OF SEASON REPORTS

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) - one, Lake Champlain, North Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 15 December 1991.

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*P. podiceps*) - one, Connecticut River, above Vernon Dam, Vernon, Windham Cty., 5 January 1992. Thomas Maloney, John Dunn.

GREATER SCAUP (*Aythya marila*) - one drake in eclipse plumage, West Shore, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 18-19 July 1992. David J. Hoag, Photographs.

BUFFLEHEAD (*Bucephala albeola*) - one drake in eclipse plumage, West Shore, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 18 July 1992. David J. Hoag.

DUNLIN (*Calidris alpina*) - two in transition plumage, Howell's Pond, Arlington, Bennington Cty., 18 May 1991. Ruth Stewart, Barbara Powers.

EASTERN PHOEBE (*Sayornis phoebe*) - one, So. Pomfret Rd., Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 1 December 1991. Carol Powell.

EASTERN PHOEBE (*S. phoebe*) - one, Mountain Rd. at Rt. 125 Cornwall, Addison Cty., 15 December 1991. Amy L. Buckley, Suzannah Liepmann.

PALM WARBLER (*Dendroica palmarum*) - Cabot Greenhouse, Cabot, Washington Cty., 16-23 December 1991. Gerson Katz, Ken Elmer, Mark Rahill.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) - one adult male in basic plumage, Lyndon, Caledonia Cty., 14 and 19 November 1991. Donald H. Miller.

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) - one male, Dundas residence, Bennington, Bennington Cty., 26 November and 23 December 1991. Bonita and Richard Dundas.

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (*P. erythrophthalmus*) - one male, Barnumville, Manchester, Bennington Cty., 19 December 1991. Nancy L. Martin, Julia M. Nicholson, Elizabeth F. Gilbert.

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (*P. erythrophthalmus*) - one male, Hathorn

residence, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 27 December 1991. Gary Stansfield, Laura Hathorn. Bird remained at feeder until March 1992.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) - one immature, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., November 1991 thru 13 January 1992. William J. Norse.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*S. passerina*) - one, Vershire Village, Orange Cty., 6 December 1991. David Merker.

FIELD SPARROW (*Spizella pusilla*) - one immature, Cottage Grove Rd., Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 15 December 1991. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin, Joyce Miller.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*Euphagus carolinus*) - six, Ranney Farm, Dummerston, Windham Cty., 16 December 1989. Henry Lappen, Douglas U. Wilson, Paul Grout.

NORTHERN ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) - one male, possibly first year, Case Parkway, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 15 December 1991. Frank Boyle, Daniel H. Crook.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

GRAY JAY (*Perisoreus canadensis*) - one adult, near intersection of Rts. 107 and 14, N. Royalton, Windsor Cty., 19, 20, 21 and 26 December 1991. Jeffrey Slack.

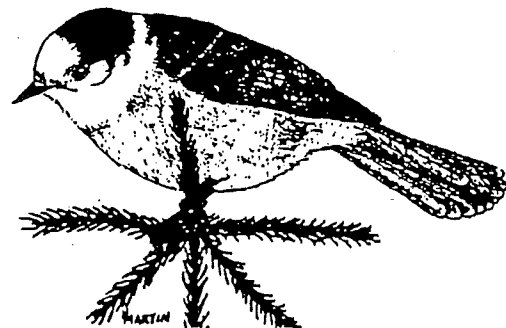
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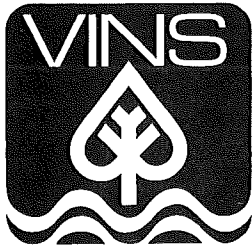
RED-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo jamaicensis*) - one adult dark morph, Jct. Rts. 73 and 73-A, Orwell, Addison Cty., 14 October 1991. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin.

RED BISHOP (*Euplectes orix*) - one Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 20 November 1991. Frank Boyle. Photograph.

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Gray Jay





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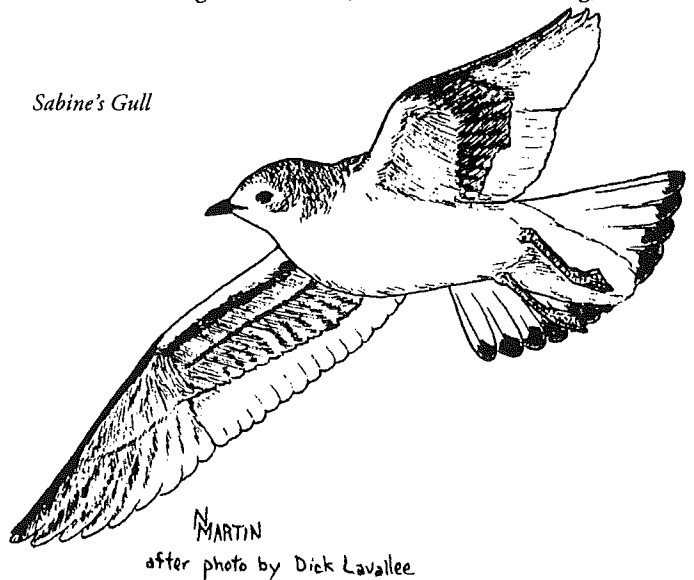
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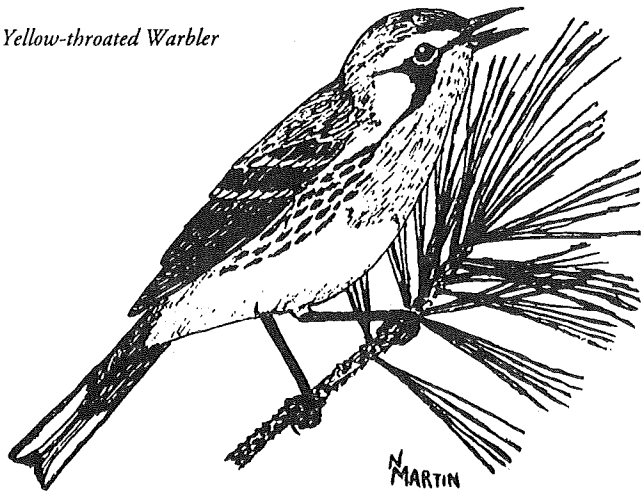
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Yellow-throated Warbler



FIRST STATE NESTING RECORDS

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PALM WARBLER (*Dendroica palmarum*) - male and female carrying food to a nest site, Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 6 June 1993. Brett Engstrom, David Desante, Ed Good, Elliot Burch.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) - one adult, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 20 December 1992. Frank Oatman, Jason Cross. Fourth state record.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, Perkins Pier, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 19 January 1993. Edward L. Gaine. Fourth state record.

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, probably the same bird as the above record, same location, 23 January 1993. C.J. Frankiewicz, Rhoda H. Horne, George E. (Terry) Hall, Betty Rist Jillson.

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) - one juvenile, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 3-4 August 1993. Wayne Scott, Judith A. Peterson, M. Heidi Willis. Third state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) - one juvenile, Kibbe Point, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 11 September 1992. Richard B. Lavallee. Fourth state record.

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) - one immature, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 15 October 1992. R.B. Lavallee, Michele Patenaude. Ninth state record. Photographs.

NORTHERN GANNET (*M. bassanus*) - one immature, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 15 October 1992. R.B. Lavallee. Tenth state record.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) - one adult male, "Denisville", Weybridge, Addison Cty., 6 April 1993. J.A. Peterson, Emma M. Raymond, Marjorie B. Nelson. Tenth state record.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*A. penelope*) - one adult male, possibly the same bird as in the previous record, Rt. 74 at Lemon Fair River, Shoreham, Addison Cty., 17 April 1993. Scott W. Morrill.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violaceus*) - one juvenile, Stone Bridge Access, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 8 August 1993. Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin, Jeanne Fossani. Third state record.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*) - one, at a feeder, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 25 November thru 31 December 1992. Frieda Grassley, G.E. Hall. Seventh state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) - one, Market Rd. Bridport, Addison Cty., 10-14 September 1993. Beatrice P. Guyett, Penelope Goodkind, Marion Manning, Joan Haven. Sixth state record.

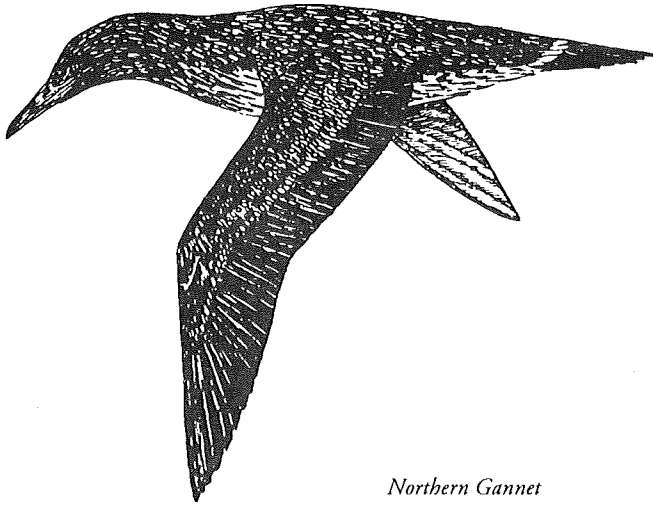
ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) - two, male and female, seen on a porch railing, Danby, Rutland Cty., 11 & 13 May 1993. Karl & Winifred Droge. Would be a first state record but lacks a second independent report. The two painted buntings reported by Rosemary Magyari in Winhall, 13 May 1993 might not have been the same birds and thus her report does not confirm the original sighting.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) - one, first winter. Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 2 December 1992. E.L. Gaine.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) - two adults, alternate plumage, Witherell Landing, Bridport, Addison Cty., 15 April 1993. J.A. Peterson.



Northern Gannet

NORTHERN GANNET (*M. bassanus*) - one, first year. Found at Killington Ski Area, Sherburne, Rutland Cty., 13 October 1993. Ann Stabile. Brought to Vermont Raptor Center, 10 days in rehab. Released at Plum Island, Mass. Photograph, Margaret R. Fowle.

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - one, second year, Island Pond, Essex Cty., 22 May 1993. N.L. Martin, W.G. Ellison, Daniel H. Crook, Sara Jean Sangdahl.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) - one adult, Rockingham, Windsor Cty., 21 November 1992. William J. Norse.

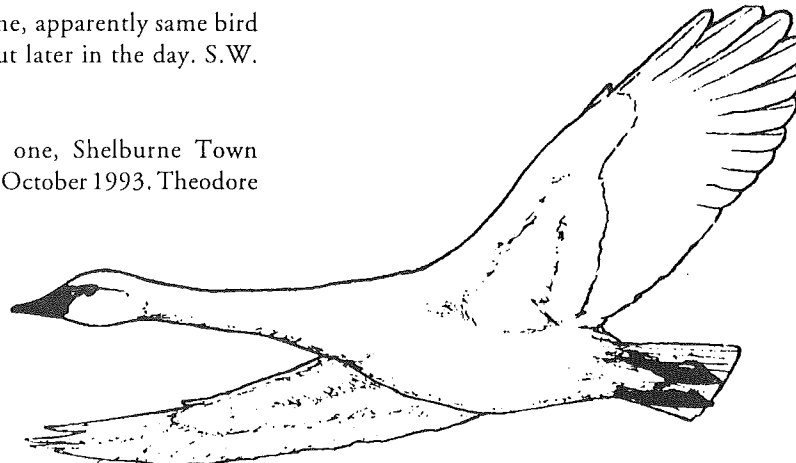
TUNDRA SWAN (*C. columbianus*) - two adults, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 6 April 1993. Jon & Linda Zurit.

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) - one, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 19 September 1993. G.E. Hall.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) - one, apparently same bird as above, same location, same date but later in the day. S.W. Morrical.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) - one, Shelburne Town Beach, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 23 October 1993. Theodore G. Murin.

Tundra Swan



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HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 17 October 1992. David J. Hoag. Photograph.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 1 September 1993. D.J. Hoag.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, East Creek WMA, Orwell, Addison Cty., 13 October 1993. J.A. Peterson.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, East Creek WMA, Orwell, Addison Cty., 15 October 1993. S.W. Morrical & G.E. Hall. Probably same bird as previous record.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - three, Blodgett's Beach, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 17 October 1993. G.E. Hall & Dwight L. Cargill.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*L. haemastica*) - one, Stone Bridge Access, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 19 October 1993. John D. Marsh.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one adult, Underhill, Chittenden Cty., 20 April 1993. D.L. Cargill.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Bridport, Addison Cty., 16 November 1992. J.A. Peterson.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Addison, Addison Cty., 23 January 1993. Frederick A. & Eleanor B. Pratt.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Salisbury, Addison Cty., 23 March 1993. J.A. Peterson.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 27 March 1993. T.G. Murin, Andrea Ladshaw.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one, possibly immature white morph, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 2 April 1993. T.G. Murin, Christopher McBride, Susan Spackman.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) - one adult, Lewis Creek Access, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 5 April 1992. N.L. Martin, W.G. Ellison et al.

LONG-EARED OWL (*A. otus*) - one to six, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Cty., eight sightings from 13 December 1992 to 3 May 1993. Bruce Hedin. Photographs.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., 8 September 1993. F.A. Pratt.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*V. celata*) - one, Searsburg, Bennington Cty., 30 September 1993. N.L. Martin.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

COOPER'S HAWK (*Accipiter cooperii*) - one adult female feeding three young in the nest, Brush Hill, Stowe, Lamoille Cty., 7 July thru 4 August 1992. Elizabeth Kellogg.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) - three nesting pairs fledged four young, Basin Harbor Rd. and Market Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., 1 April thru 10 September 1993. J.A. Peterson, N.L. Martin and many observers.

WILSON'S WARBLER (*Wilsonia pusilla*) - one male and one female seen together, Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 6 June 1993. B. Engstrom, D. DeSante, E. Burch, E. Good. Accepted as possible nesting.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

COMMON SNIPE (*Gallinago gallinago*) - one Clarendon, Rutland Cty., 24 January 1993. C.J. Frankiewicz.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*) - one adult, alternate plumage, Jct Rts 5 & 14, Coventry, Orleans Cty., 22 May 1993. W.G. Ellison, N.L. Martin, D.H. Crook, S.J. Sangdahl.

VESPER SPARROW (*Pooecetes gramineus*) - one, Addison, Addison Cty., 26 January 1993. J.A. Peterson, E.M. Raymond.

CAPE MAY WARBLER (*Dendroica tigrina*) - one at a feeder, West Dummerston, Windham Cty., 20-25 December 1992. Whitney D. Nichols, Dennis & Beverly Tier, Fred M. Hunt.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) - one, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 12 September 1993. W.J. Norse.

HYBRIDS, RELEASES, SUB-SPECIES

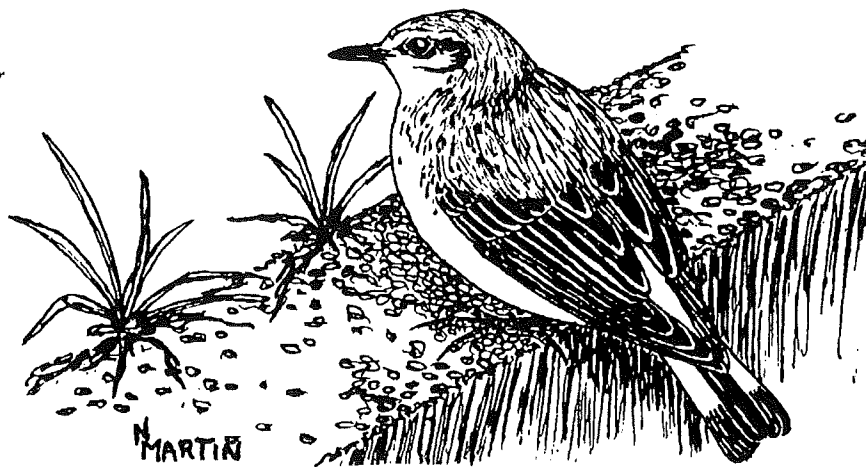
BARNACLE X WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HYBRID - two, Ira, Rutland Cty., 11 April 1993. C.J. Frankiewicz, R.H. Horne. Video. Accepted as *Anser* hybrid.

CANADA GOOSE, Richardson's race (*Branta canadensis minima*) - one Rt 17, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 24 October 1992. T.G. Murin, C. McBride, A. Ladshaw. Accepted as to species but not as to race. There are at least 5 races of this species smaller than the nominate race.

MUTE SWAN (*Cygnus olor*) - two, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 27 July 1993. T.G. Murin. Discovered that they had been released.

DARK-EYED JUNCO (*Junco hyemalis*) "Oregon" type - one, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 26 October 1993. W.J. Norse.

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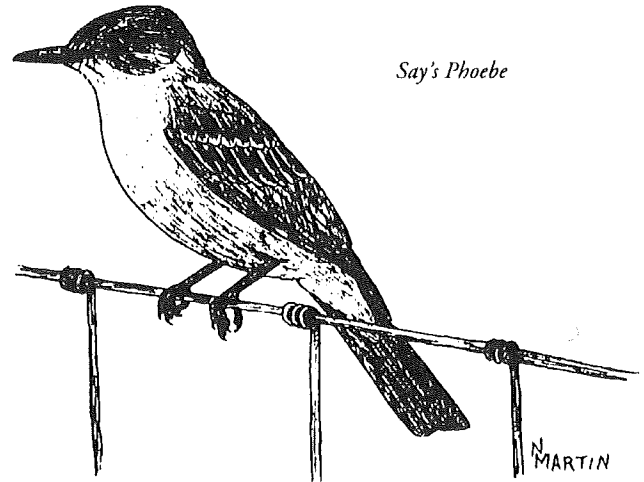
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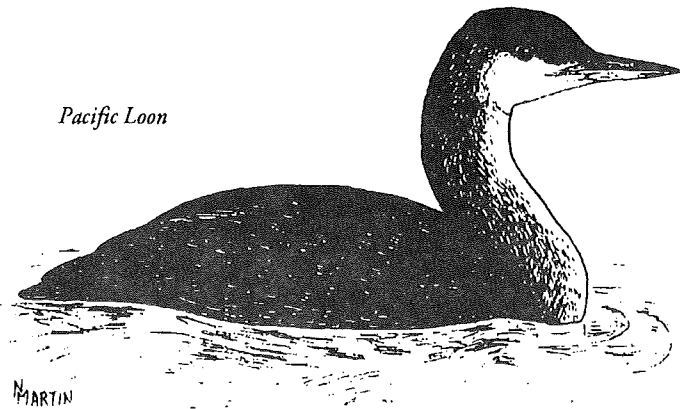


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PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) - one, first winter, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 15-18 December 1993. Whitney Nichols. Second state record.

EARED GREBE (*Podiceps nigricollis*) - one, probably a juvenile, East Creek Wildlife Management Area, Orwell, Addison Cty., 24 September 1994. Edna Jones. Subsequently seen in the same area 26-28 September 1994 by Judith A. Peterson, T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrival, G.E. Hall, F.A. Pratt. Fourth state record.

ROSS' GOOSE (*Anser rossii*) - one adult, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., 19 October 1994. J.A. Peterson. Fifth state record.

ROSS' GOOSE (*A. rossii*) - one adult, Dead Creek WMA, Gage Road, Addison, Addison Cty., 22 October 1994. S.W. Morrival, G.E. Hall. Sixth state record.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) - one female, Perkins Pier, Lake Champlain, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 19 December 1993. Scott W. Morrival. Ninth state record.

AMERICAN AVOCET (*Recurvirostra americana*) - two adults, probably male and female, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 5 August 1994. S.W. Morrival, Christopher Fichtel, T.G. Murin. Subsequently seen in the same area 7 August 1994 by J.M. Nicholson, Dwight L. Cargill, Elizabeth F. Gilbert, Betty Rist Jillson, and on 9 August 1994 by Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin, John B. Martin, Jeanne Fossani, David J. Hoag. Second state record. Photographs.

CURLEW SANDPIPER (*Calidris ferruginea*) - one, basic plumage, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 28 August 1994. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt, S.W. Morrival. Second state record.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*) - one, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 30 August 1994, J.A. Peterson, Anne Lurie, George & Elinor Osborn; seen later the same day by T.G. Murin, G.E. Hall, Peter Riley, Michele Patenaude, Ruby Gaines. Tenth state record.

FORSTER'S TERN (*Sterna forsteri*) - two adults, alternate plumage, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 14 April 1994. J.A. Peterson, G.E. Hall. Second state record.

FORSTER'S TERN (*S. forsteri*) - one, first fall, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 2 September 1994. Mark S. LaBarr. Third state record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) - one, on property of David Burnor, Bakersfield, Franklin Cty., 11 March 1994. Gary and Donna Young, David Burnor. Seventh state record. Video.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) - one immature, French Settlement Rd., Lincoln, Addison Cty., 17 September 1994. Martha S. Hansen, Russell C. Hansen, Bea Guyett, Marion Manning, Lillian Birkett, Jeanne LaVangia. Seventh state record. Photographs.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) - one, near Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Lamoille Cty., 5 September 1994. Richard C. Dunlap, Victoria C. Dunlap. Fifth report to RVB.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) - one adult, Lewis Creek, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 17 May 1993. John I. Dye, Margaret C. Dye.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*E. caerulea*) - one adult, Farrell Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 5 May 1994. T.G. Murin.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*E. caerulea*) - one adult, Stone Bridge Access, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 7 May 1994. S.W. Morrill. Possibly the same bird as above.

MUTE SWAN (*Cygnus olor*) - two adults, two immatures, Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 2 causeway, Milton, Chittenden Cty., 21 November 1993. T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrill.

MUTE SWAN (*C. olor*) - three juveniles, Howell's Pond, Arlington, Bennington Cty., 20 November 1993. E.F. Gilbert.

MUTE SWAN (*C. olor*) - one juvenile, Connecticut River at Bellows Falls, Windham Cty., 18 December 1993. Ray E. Griffin.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one adult, Smith Haven, S. Londonderry, Windham Cty., 2 November 1993. William J. Norse.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one sub-adult, Middle Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., 9 May 1994. J.A. Peterson.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one adult, Haystack Mt., Wilmington, Windham Cty., 30 May 1994. W.G. Ellison, N.L. Martin.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - one, gray morph, Gage Rd., Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 16 November 1993. T.G. Murin.

SPRUCE GROUSE (*Dendragapus canadensis*) - one adult male, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 29 May 1994. R.E. Griffin et al.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) - one adult, Three Mile Bridge Rd., Middlebury, Addison Cty., 9 April 1994. J.M. Nicholson, D.L. Cargill, Ann Reams et al.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) - one adult, alternate plumage, Popasquash Is., St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 3 May 1994. M.S. LaBarr.

CASPIAN TERN (*S. caspia*) - one adult, alternate plumage, Cranberry Pool, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 22 May 1994. Ted S. Allen, Nathaniel Shambaugh.

CASPIAN TERN (*S. caspia*) - one adult, alternate plumage, Savage Is., Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 11 July 1994. M.S. LaBarr.

GREAT GRAY OWL (*Strix nebulosa*) - one, Smith Haven, S. Londonderry, Windham Cty., 6 February 1994. W.J. Norse.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) - one, I-91, Ascutney, Windsor Cty., 23 January 1994. Kenneth Cox.

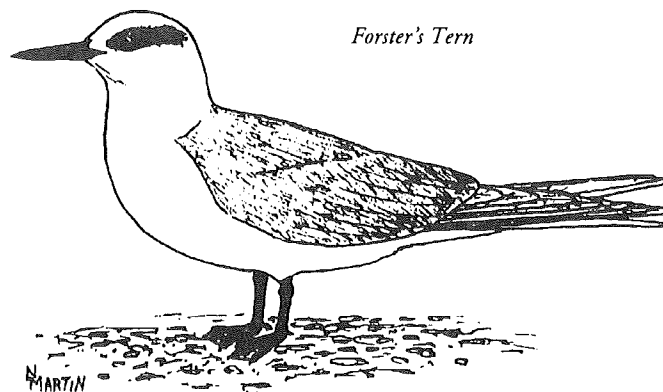
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) - one, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 15 May 1994. W.J. Norse.

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevia*) - one adult male, Trumbull Hill Rd. Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., 5 February 1994, Claudette Van Keuren, Steve Wassick, and on 6 February, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) - one immature, Lower Bartonville, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 26 October 1993. Tait E. Johansson.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 22 October 1994. W.J. Norse.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) - one immature, banded at VINS, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 12 September 1994. Christopher C. Rimmer, Kent McFarland, Erik Chapman.



Forster's Tern

RARE NESTING SPECIES

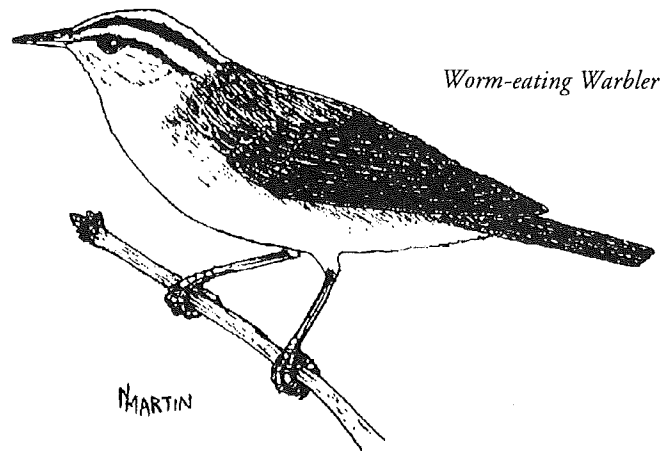
PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) - two, a pair in proper habitat, South Slang, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 7 July 1994. J.I. Dye, M.C. Dye. Possible/probable nesting.

ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - one adult, Lake Champlain at Tri-Town Water Plant, Addison, Addison Cty., 7 May 1994. W.G. Ellison, John D. Marsh. Distant and fleeting observation.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*Calidris mauri*) - one, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 6 September 1994. S.W. Morrill. Rare and difficult to identify.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (*Lanius ludovicianus*) - one, Rt. 17 at Jersey St., Addison, Addison Cty., 1 August 1992. Stephen D. Grohs. Not adequately distinguished from Northern Shrike except by date. Still, an important record.



Worm-eating Warbler

LARK SPARROW (*Chondestes grammacus*) - one, Smith Haven, S. Londonderry, Windham Cty., 31 August 1994. W.J. Norse. Second sighting for the state; both are hypothetical records lacking confirming reports.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) - two, Spaulding Rd., Addison, Addison Cty., 19 November 1993. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt, J.A. Peterson, Thomas Heatley.

HOARY REDPOLL (*C. hornemanni*) - one, Alfrecha Rd., North Clarendon, Rutland Cty., 2 January 1994. J.M. Nicholson, B.R. Jillson.

HOARY REDPOLL (*C. hornemanni*) - one, Griffin residence, Glover, Orleans Cty., 4 April 1994. R.E. Griffin, Olive A. Griffin.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) - one, Cox Rd., Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 24 December 1993. Thomas G. Zuba.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) - one, Dead Creek WMA at Nortontown Rd., Addison, Addison Cty., 19 December 1993. Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews.

KILLDEER (*Charadrius vociferus*) - one, Crown Point Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., 19 December 1993. Emma M. Raymond, J.A. Peterson.

HERMIT THRUSH (*Catharus guttatus*) - one, Murphy Hill Rd., Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., 2 February 1994. Laurie Johnson.

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*) - one, Saxtons River, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 18 December 1993. Don Clark, Jim Wilson, T.E. Johansson.

PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*) - one, at suet feeder, Terrace Heights, Weybridge, Addison Cty., 19 December 1993. Gale Fenn, Abbott T. Fenn, Ethan Fenn. Photograph.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*) - one, Greenbush Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 18 December 1993. R.B. Lavalley, T.G. Murin.

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) - one female, Thompson's Point Rd., Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 18 December 1993. T.G. Murin, R.B. Lavalley.

SWAMP SPARROW (*Melospiza georgiana*) - one, Black Creek WMA, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 19 December 1993. D.L. Cargill.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) - one, Wimmer residence, Shoreham, Addison Cty., 19 December 1993. Peter Wimmer.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) - one, Spencer's Cabin Hawkwatch site, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 15 September 1994. W.J. Norse.

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KING RAIL (*Rallus elegans*) - one, Dead Creek WMA, marsh just north and west of Rt. 17 bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., 17-18 May 1994. S.W. Morrill, T.G. Murin, G.E. Hall, J.A. Peterson. Bird not seen. Identified by vocalization only. Tape recorded. Would be a first state record.

HYBRIDS, ESCAPES, SUB-SPECIES

BAR-HEADED GOOSE (*Anser indicus*) - one, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 28 April 1994. Paul and Shirley Wagner. Thought to be an escaped bird.

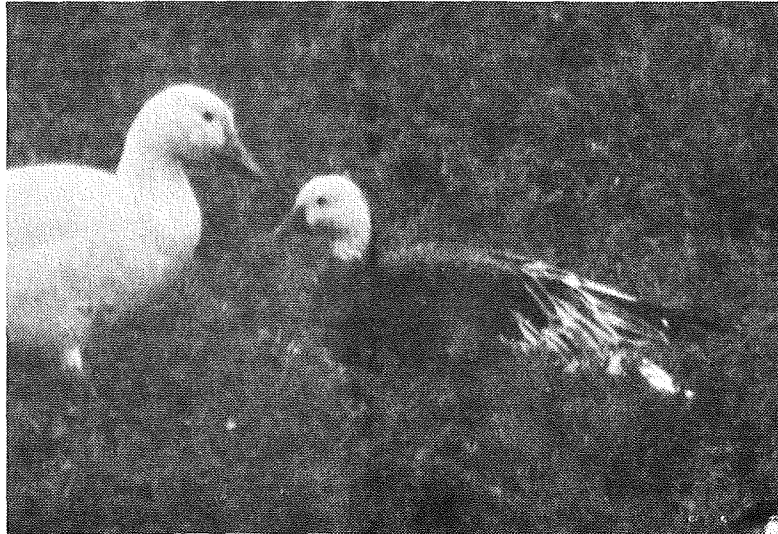
COMMON REDPOLL (*Carduelis flammea*) - one "Greater" Redpoll formerly considered sub-species "rostrata," Smith Haven, S. Londonderry, Windham Cty., 6 January and 7 February 1994. W.J. Norse. The Records Committee felt that it did not have the expertise to take action on this report.



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Vermont Bird Records Committee Report 1995



Ross' Goose – blue morph

David A. Hoag

The Vermont Bird Records Committee met on 4 November 1995 for its yearly meeting to review rare bird reports. The Committee's function is to establish guidelines for the reporting of rarities and to review and evaluate records of rarities for their acceptability by future researchers and for inclusion in the state bird list. The Committee's recommendations are followed in the publication of records in *Records of Vermont Birds*. The Bird Records Committee consists of the managing editor of *Records of Vermont Birds*, the seasonal editors of *Records of Vermont Birds*, and the regional editors for Vermont for *American Birds*.

The Committee and the editors of *Records of Vermont Birds* express their appreciation to the many Vermont birders who report to *Records of Vermont Birds* and to the birders who have taken the time and trouble to fill out detailed reports on rare species. These reports add greatly to Vermont's data base on birds. Careful recording of the details of plumage and identification are necessary.

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Golden Eagle	Black-backed Woodpecker
Barn Owl	(outside Northeast Kingdom)
Long-eared Owl	Sedge Wren
Three-toed Woodpecker	Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat	
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 Least Bittern (except for the West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek, and Missisquoi)
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 Northern Shoveler
 American Wigeon
 Ring-necked Duck
 Lesser Scaup
 Osprey (if nesting evidence is observed)
 Bald Eagle (if nesting evidence is observed)
 Northern Harrier (outside the Champlain Valley)
 Cooper's Hawk (if nesting evidence is observed)
 Peregrine Falcon
 Spruce Grouse
 Sora (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek, and Missisquoi Marshes)
 Upland Sandpiper
 Short-eared Owl
 Red-headed Woodpecker (if probable or confirmed)
 Gray Jay (outside the Northeast Kingdom)
 Loggerhead Shrike
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Orchard Oriole (if nesting evidence is observed)
 Pine Grosbeak
 Red Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)
 White-winged Crossbill (if confirmed breeding)
 Mute Swan

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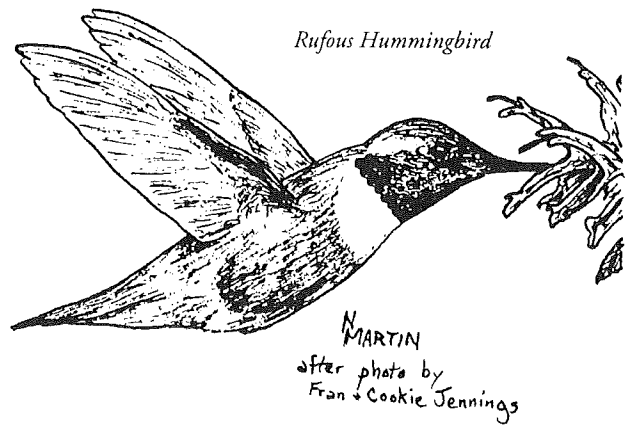
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NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

ROSS' GOOSE (*Anser rossii*) – one "blue phase" dark morph, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt.17, Addison, Addison Cty. 16 & 19 October 1995. Theodore G. Murin, David J. Hoag et al. Seventh state record for the species and first documented state record for the blue phase. Photographs.

ROSS' GOOSE (*A. rossii*) – one white morph adult, differentiated by rust color on belly, Dead Creek WMA, Rt.17, Addison, Addison Cty., 18 & 20 October 1995. Judith A. Peterson, T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag. Eighth state record. Photographs.

ROSS' GOOSE (*A. rossii*) – one white morph adult, no rusty staining, Dead Creek WMA, Rt.17, Addison, Addison Cty., 19,20 & 24 October 1995. T.G. Murin, Craig Provost, D.J. Hoag, Elizabeth F. Gilbert. Ninth state record. Photographs.



ROSS' GOOSE (*A. rossii*) – one white morph adult, two tone bill color, Dead Creek WMA, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., 22 October 1995. D.J. Hoag et al. Tenth state record.

FORSTER'S TERN (*Sterna forsteri*) – one adult, basic plumage, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 22 October 1995. S.W. Morrill. Fourth state record.

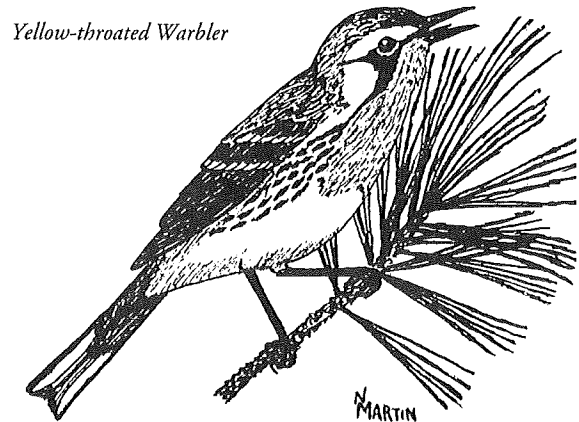
KING EIDER (*Somateria spectabilis*) – one immature male, Champlain Bridge, Addison Cty., 23 December 1994. George E. (Terry) Hall, Ruth Reames, Scott W. Morrill. Sixth state record.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) – one male and one female, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 5-8 May 1995. Jo-Ann D. Appleton, T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrill, Tenth State Record.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus rufus*) – one male, Elijah's Place, Glover, Orleans Cty., 19 August 1994. Wayne H. Alexander, Martha P. Alexander. Second state record.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*S. rufus*) – one male, River Road, West Arlington, Bennington Cty., 27-28 July 1995. Cornelia S. Chapin, Charles Chapin. Third state record.

SELASPHORUS SP. – one male, West Shore Road, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., July thru 10 September 1995. D.J. Hoag, Arthur and Dana Himpele. Photographs.



SAY'S PHOEBE (*Sayornis saya*) – one, Lane Road, Dorset, Bennington Cty., 8 November 1994. E.F. Gilbert. Second state record.

SAY'S PHOEBE (*Sayornis saya*) – one, Brandon Training School, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 1 April 1995. Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Presumably the same individual accepted as a first state record at the 1994 Vt. Bird Records Committee Meeting. The bird was recorded in the same area from October 1994 thru late April 1995.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, Woodbine Road, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 23 May 1995. Jacquelyn P. Marlow, Donna Preuss. Eighth state record.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*) – one, River St., Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 23–24 November 1994. Don & Pat Hesterberg, Rosalyn & Ned Mast. Eighth state record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – one singing male, Jct. Rts. 22A & 125, Bridport, Addison Cty., 27 May thru 1 June 1995. E.F. Gilbert, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt et al. Fifth state record.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – one adult, non-breeding plumage, estuary of Connecticut River, Newbury, Orange Cty., 5 September 1995. Arthur Mudge, Rebecca Mudge Selzer.

TUNDRA OR TRUMPETER SWAN (*Cygnus* sp.) – two adults, Greenbush Road, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 18 March 1995. T.G. Murin.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male, Hospital Creek, Addison, Addison Cty., 7–8 April 1995. T.G. Murin, G.E. Hall et al.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*A. penelope*) – one male, Lake Carmi State Park, Franklin, Franklin Cty., 19–20 April 1995. Bill Donlon.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – one adult, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 29 September 1995. S.W. Morrill, Jan Andersen.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) – one, gray phase, Route 120, North Sheldon, Franklin Cty., 22 January 1995. B. Donlon.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – one adult, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 26 August 1995. Susanne Wetmore, George Wetmore.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – one adult, alternate plumage, Nichols Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 4 May 1995. D.J. Hoag.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one adult, two to four young, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Cty., 14 & 28 May 1995. Bruce Hedin.

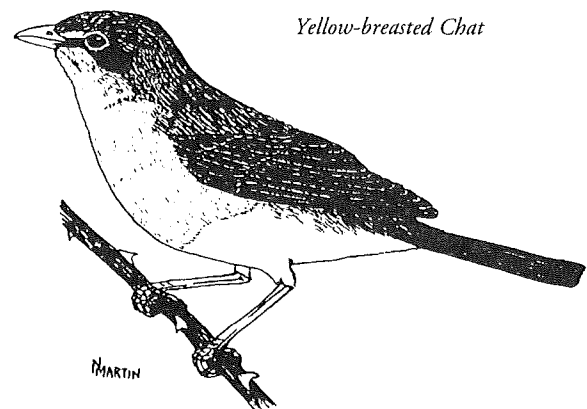
VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) – one adult male, Barnet Road, East Peacham, Caledonia Cty., 2–11 March 1995. Charles Browne, David & Marilyn Magnus, S.W. Morrill.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) – one, first fall, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 18 September 1995. William J. Norse.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) – one male, Water Tower Road, Enosburg Falls, Franklin Cty., 25 May thru 13 June 1995. B. Donlon, Dwight Cargill, C. Provost, T.G. Murin.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*I. virens*) – one male, West Rutland Marsh, Rutland Cty., 2 June 1995. Roy W. Pilcher.

DICKCISSEL (*Spiza americana*) – one singing male, Jct. Rt. 22A and Town Line Road, Bridport/Addison, Addison Cty., 20 May thru 30 June 1995. Kenneth J. Brock, Scott F. Jackson, E.B. Pratt, F.A. Pratt et al. Photographs.



Yellow-breasted Chat

RARE NESTING SPECIES

NORTHERN HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*) – one female and two fledged immatures, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 7–8 August 1995. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

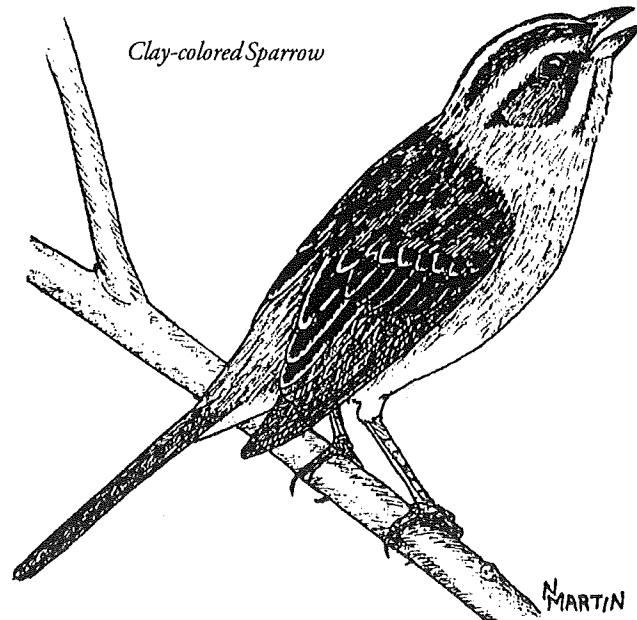
SPRUCE GROUSE (*Dendragapus canadensis*) – one adult and four chicks, Wenlock Wildlife Management Area, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., 28 June 1995. R.W. Pilcher. Photographs.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (*Dendroica castanea*) – one male and one female feeding nestlings, Brighton State Park, Brighton, Essex Cty., 27–29 June 1995. R.W. Pilcher. Photograph.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (*Loxia leucoptera*) – one male, one female, two young in nest, Todd Hill, Canaan, Essex Cty., 22 February 1995. Charles H. Willey, Louis Marcessault.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) – one immature, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 18 December 1994. D.J. Hoag et al.



AMERICAN WIGEON (*Anas americana*) – two males, one female, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 18 December 1994. T.G. Murin, Margaret Fowle, Ernie Buford.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – one, probably a female, Rt.106, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 27 December 1994. G.E. Hall, Scott Davison.

RED KNOT (*Calidris canutus*) – nine, Nichols Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 3 June 1995. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*) – one, Slang Road, Panton, Addison Cty., 19–20 May 1995. T.G. Murin, G.E. Hall, J.D. Appleton, S.W. Morrical.

EASTERN PHOEBE (*Sayornis phoebe*) – one, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 2 January 1995. J.D. Appleton.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET (*Regulus calendula*) – one, Rutland, Rutland Cty., 1 January 1995. Kenneth F. Ward.

AMERICAN PIPIT (*Anthus rubescens*) – two, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 18 December 1994. T.G. Murin, M. Fowle, E. Buford.

PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*) – one, Bellevue Rd., Rutland, Rutland Cty., 1 January 1995. K.F. Ward.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*) – one adult female, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 18 December 1994. Peter Williams, John Lloyd, Catharine Cooper-Ellis.

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – one male, spring plumage, Wiseman residence, South Lincoln, Addison Cty., 12 February 1995. Capt. Harry F. Wiseman.

FOX SPARROW (*Passerella iliaca*) – one, Munger St., Middlebury, Addison Cty., 31 January thru 8 February 1995. Marjorie B. Nelson, Janet Nelson.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) – one immature, Basin Harbor Road at Market Road, Bridport, Addison Cty., 17–18 February 1995. J.A. Peterson.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) – one male, Enosburg Falls, Franklin Cty., 12 May 1995. B. Donlon.

GRAY JAY (*Perisoreus canadensis*) – one, Winhall Hollow Road, S. Londonderry, Windham Cty., 16 December 1994. W.J. Norse.

HYBRIDS, ESCAPES, SUB-SPECIES

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis carduelis*) – one, Alburg Springs, Grand Isle Cty., 3–4 May 1995. Joanne Mapes. Photograph. Origin uncertain.

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SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – two, Tabor Road, West Swanton, Franklin Cty., 7–8 November 1994. Norbert Blaskowski, George Gilbert, Al Zelley.



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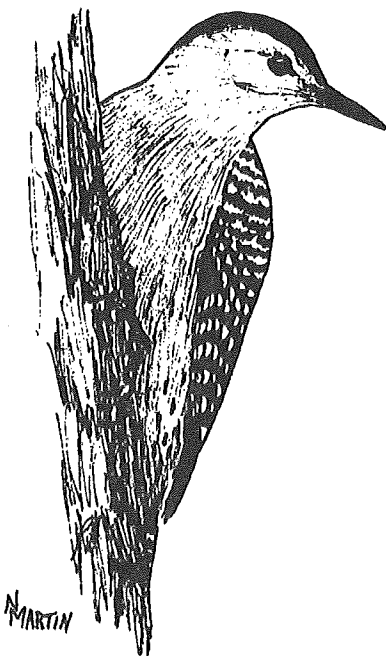
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Notable State Records, Second Through Tenth

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*Anser albifrons*)

One of Greenland race, Rt. 11, Springfield, Windsor Cty., 11-12 May 1996. George E. (Terry) Hall, Don Clark, Eleanor Ellis, Hugh Putnam. Seventh state record.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*)

One female, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 29 May 1996. Ted G. Murin, Paul Kissell. Seventh state record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*)

One adult, Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 3 & 5 December 1995. T.G. Murin, Joanna Shipley, Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt, Scott W. Morrical, Bill Donlon, Craig Provost. Fifth state record. Photographs.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*)

Two juveniles, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 8-13 September 1996. David J. Hoag, T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt. Fifth state record.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

(*Selasphorus rufus*) – One male, Gilbreath home, Pomfret, Windsor Cty., 5 July 1996. Paul and Janet Gilbreath, Ilse Knowles, Mae and Bob Lewis. Fourth state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR

(*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – One, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area headquarters, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., 15 October 1995. Nancy A. Brown. Ninth state record. Photographs.

BLUE GROSBEAK (*Guiraca caerulea*) – One male, Dexter Rd., Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., 4 May 1996. Ruth and Eugene Kosche, Arthur and Audrey Jones, Bonita Dundas. Sixth state record. Photograph.

BLUE GROSBEAK

(*G. caerulea*) – One male, Danby Four Corners, Danby, Rutland Cty., 16 May 1996. N.A. Brown. Seventh state record. Photograph.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW

(*Spizella pallida*) – One, Hi Vue B&B, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 19 May 1996. Roy Pilcher and RCAS field trip. Sixth state record.

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE (*Icterus bullockii*)

One male, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Cty., 18 May 1996. Kenneth F. Ward, Pat Ward. Second state record.

Other Reports of Rare Species

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*)

One immature, East Creek, Orwell, Addison Cty., 1-2 September 1996. T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*)

One adult, field pond near 3-mile bridge, Otter Creek, Middlebury, Addison Cty., 7 April 1996. Judith A. Peterson, Abbott Fenn, Richard and Jacqueline English. Photograph.

TUNDRA SWAN

(*C. columbianus*) – One immature, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 12-13 October 1996. T.G. Murin, Otto Meier,

Charles Gifford, Peter and Leah Smith, Paul and Patty Kissell, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt. Photographs.

ROSS' GOOSE (*Anser rossii*)

Three adults, white morph, Dead Creek WMA, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., 11-13 October 1996. T.G. Murin, D.A. Hoag, J.A. Peterson, Peter and Leah Smith. Photographs.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*)

One male, Lake Champlain, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 20 March 1996. T.G. Murin.

EURASIAN WIGEON

(*A. penelope*) – Two males, perhaps including the individual recorded above, Lake Champlain, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 28 March 1996. T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrical.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*A.*

penelope) – One male, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 5-9 April 1996. D.A. Hoag. Photographs.

HARLEQUIN DUCK

(*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

One female, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 21 March 1996. T.G. Murin.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila*

chrysaetos) – One immature, Rt. 30, Pawlet, Rutland Cty., 4 November 1995. Elizabeth F. Gilbert.

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(*A. chrysaetos*) – one immature, White River Jct., Hartford, Windsor Cty., 5 November 1995. Peter D. Hunt.

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(*A. chrysaetos*) – One adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 11 April 1996. D.J. Hoag.

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(*A. chrysaetos*) – One immature, Rattlesnake Point, Salisbury, Addison Cty., 19 April 1996. Susanne S. Wetmore.

GOLDEN EAGLE

(*A. chrysaetos*) – One immature, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 18 October 1996. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag.

EAGLE Sp. – One, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Cty., 5 March 1996. Monica Gregory.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*)

– Two, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 7-8 November 1994. Norbert Blaskowski, George Gilbert, Al Zelley.

WILLET (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)

– One, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 26 May 1996. Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews, Wally Elton. Second spring record.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*)

– One immature, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 13 September 1996. D.J. Hoag.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*)

– One adult, basic plumage, Perkins Pier, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 17 December 1995. S.W. Morrill.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*)

– One adult, alternate plumage, Kent Pond, Sherburne, Rutland Cty., 11 May 1996. Betty Rist Jillson, Ernest E. Jillson, Jr., Julie M. Nicholson.

GREAT GRAY OWL (*Strix nebulosa*)

– One, King Pond Rd., South Woodbury, Washington Cty., 20 February 1996. Linda Gallison.

GREAT GRAY OWL (*S. nebulosa*)

– One, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 22 February 1996. Robert S. Swanson, Doris Fraties, Ritchie Alarie. Photographs.

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*)

– One, Winhall Hollow, Winhall, Bennington Cty., 28 May 1996. William J. Norse.

SEDGE WREN (*C. platensis*)

– One singing male, Hawkins Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 30 June 1996. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt, T.G. Murin, J.A. Peterson.

SEDGE WREN (*C. platensis*)

– One, Little Otter Creek, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 15 September 1996. Pete Smith.

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*)

– One male, Kirby Hollow Rd., Dorset, Bennington Cty., early May 1996. Pen Reed, Jr.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*)

– One, hatch year, Bragdon Preserve banding station, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 3 October 1995. Steven D. Faccio, Kenneth M. Levenstein.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*V. celata*)

– One, hatch year, Bragdon Preserve banding station, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 16 October 1995. K.M. Levenstein, Kent McFarland, Christopher C. Rimmer.

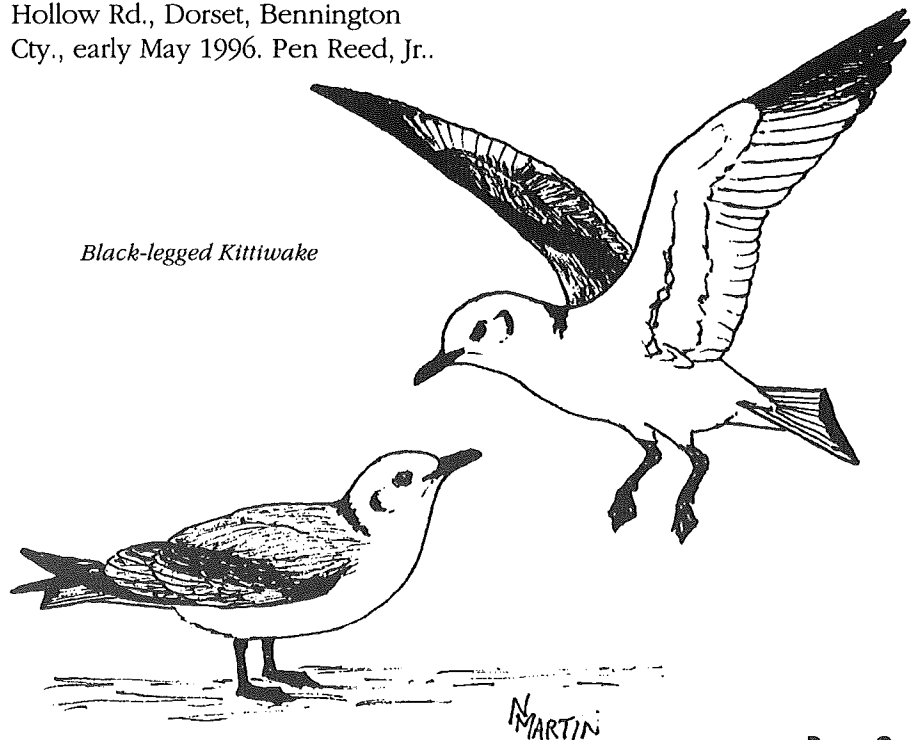
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*V. celata*)

– One, Fisk Quarry, Isle laMotte, Grand Isle Cty., 21 May 1996. Dan Froehlich.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*)

– One, hatch year, Bragdon Preserve banding station, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 12 September 1995. K.M. Levenstein, S.D. Faccio.

Black-legged Kittiwake



CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*O. agilis*) – One adult male, Bragdon Preserve banding station, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 12 September 1995. K.M. Levenstein, S.D. Faccio, C.C. Rimmer. Photograph.

OPORORNIS Sp. – One, Chittenden Brook Trail, Rochester, Windsor Cty., 12 August 1996. S.S. Wetmore.

Rare Nesting Species

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – Two adults, 6-7 chicks, Mirror Lake, Calais, Washington Cty., 17 June 1996. Michael F. Fullerton

NORTHERN HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*) – Two adults, nest site, three young fledged, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., various observation dates up to 24 August 1996. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

Out-of-Season Reports

RED-NECKED GREBE (*Podiceps grisegena*) – One adult, Potash Bay, Addison, Addison Cty., 10 June 1996. E.F. Gilbert, Alastair Cuthbert.

RED-NECKED GREBE (*P. grisegena*) – Two, alternate plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 22 August 1996. D.J. Hoag.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) – Two adults, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 17 December 1995. T.G. Murin, Ernie Buford, Steve Parren.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – One male, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 17 December 1995. S.W. Morrill.

BROWN THRASHER (*Toxostoma rufum*) – One, Rt. 106, South Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 29 November 1995 thru 2 February 1996. Laurence H. Roberts, Jr., J.M. Nicholson, B.R. Jillson. Photographs.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (*Dendroica coronata*) – One, Jones Dock Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., 17 December 1995. J.A. Peterson, Emma M. Raymond.

Accepted as Hypothetical

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis bornemanni*) – One, Marshfield, Washington Cty., 16 February 1996. Anne T. Aversa, Thomas Aversa. NB – All hoary redpoll sightings, if accepted by the committee, will be listed as hypothetical until the status of the species has been resolved.

Hybrids, Escapes, Sub-Species

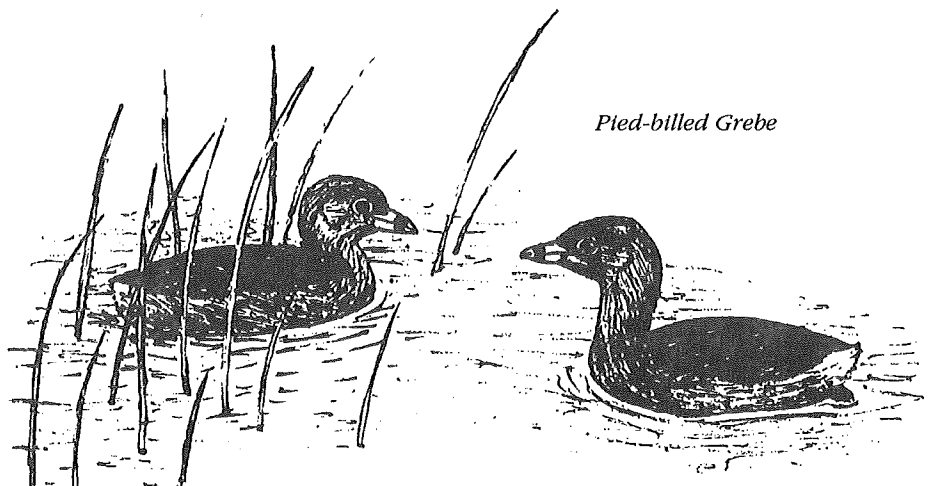
CACKLING CANADA GOOSE (*Branta canadensis minima*) – One, Dead Creek WMA, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., 13 October 1996. D.J. Hoag, T.G. Murin, Pete and Leah Smith.

BARNACLE GOOSE (*Branta leucopsis*) – One, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 1-2 April 1996. D.J. Hoag, T.G. Murin. Later reported as escaped.

BARNACLE GOOSE (*B. leucopsis*) – One, Dead Creek WMA, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., 20 October 1996. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag. Origin undetermined.

RUDDY SHELDUCK (*Tadorna ferruginia*) – One, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 24 October 1996. S.S. Wetmore, K.F. Ward, Betty Barbarise, Joe Barbarise. Origin undetermined.

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*) – One possible Eurasian subspecies, Dorset, Bennington Cty., 4 August 1996. E.F. Gilbert, Linda Gilbert.





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Below: Ross' Goose (center) among Lesser Snow Geese, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Vermont. 13 October, 1996. Photo by David Hoag.

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FIRST STATE RECORDS

CASSIN'S VIREO (*Vireo cassini*) - one, Red Rocks Park, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 21 May 1997. Scott W. Morrill, Frederick A. Pratt, Theodore G. Murin.

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) - one adult male, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 6 May 1997. Susan R. Klein. Photographs. A previous report from Danby, Rutland Cty., 11 & 13 May 1993 by Karl and Winifred Droge had been accepted as hypothetical.

Above: Northern Hawk Owl snoozing in Cornwall, Vermont. 29 March, 1997. Photo by Steve Faccio.

FIRST STATE NESTING RECORD

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) - two adults and four young, campus of Johnson State College, Johnson, Lamoille Cty., April thru July 1997. John Wrazen, Martha Pitt, Sarah B. Laughlin et al. Photographs.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) - one first year, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 24 November 1996. T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt. Ninth state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) - one juvenile, Lake Champlain off Milton, Chittenden Cty., 12 September 1997. F.A. Pratt, Richard B. Lavallee. Photographs. Sixth state record.

FORSTER'S TERN (*Sterna forsteri*) - one adult, Winooski River delta, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 1 November 1996. T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Fifth state record.

FORSTER'S TERN (*S. forsteri*) - one adult, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 8 April 1997. Susanne S. Wetmore, Edna Jones, m.ob. Sixth state record.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*Surnia ulula*) - one, West St., Cornwall, Addison Cty., 21 November 1996 into March 1997. Alan Pistorius, Ben Pistorius, m.ob. Seventh report to RVB. Photograph.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*S. ulula*) - one, Green

Mt. Club, Waterbury, Washington Cty., early November 1996 thru February 1997. Ted Allen, m.ob. Eighth report to RVB. Photograph.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*S. ulula*) - one, Brandon Training School, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 28 November 1996. S.S. Wetmore. Ninth report to RVB.



Above: Northern Hawk Owl snoozing in Cornwall, Vermont. 29 March, 1997. Photo by Steve Faccio.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*S. ulula*) - one, East St. at Cross St., Bridport, Addison Cty., 5 December 1996 thru February 1997. Judith A. Peterson, m.ob. Tenth report to RVB.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus rufus*) - one male, West Arlington, Bennington Cty., 10 July 1997. Cornelia S. Chapin, Charles T. Chapin. Fifth state record.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*S. rufus*) - one male, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 1 August 1997 and 21-30 August 1997. David J. Hoag, Joyce Scholtz et al. Sixth state record.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

(*Lanius ludovicianus*) - one adult, Hawkins Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 3-6 April 1997. Steven G. Parren, T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrical et al. First record since 1987.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

(*Dendroica dominica*) - one male, Danby Pond, Danby, Rutland Cty., 25 May 1997. Nancy A. Brown. Ninth state record.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmintheros vermivorus*) - one adult, north of Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 8 May 1997. P.D. Hunt. Sixth report to RVB.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) - one, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 6 April 1997. William J. Norse. Seventh state record.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW (*Ammodramus henslowii*) - one, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 18 August 1996. W.J. Norse. Second record since 1977.

BLUE GROSBEAK (*Guiraca caerulea*) - one male, West Arlington, Bennington Cty., 29 June 1997. C.S. Chapin, C.T. Chapin. Eighth state record.

Above: Merlin Fledglings, Johnson, VT 14 July, 1997
Photo by John Wrazen



ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

THAYER'S GULL (*Larus thayeri*) - one immature, Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 3 & 5 December 1996. D.J. Hoag. Third hypothetical state record.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus forficatus*) - one adult, Bethel, Windsor Cty., 26 May 1997. Cecil B. Hoisington, Barbara L. Hoisington. First hypothetical state record.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

ROSS' GOOSE (*Chen rossii*) - one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 1 April 1997. D.J. Hoag.

ROSS' GOOSE (*C. rossii*) - one adult white morph, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 6 October 1997. T.G. Murin.

ROSS' GOOSE (*C. rossii*) - one adult white morph, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 8 & 14 October 1997. D.J. Hoag.

ROSS' GOOSE (*C. rossii*) - one adult white morph, Dead Creek WMA, Gage Rd. Addison, Addison Cty., 9 October 1997. Julia Nicholson, Elizabeth F.Gilbert.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) - one male, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 30 March 1997. T.G. Murin.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) - one male in alternate plumage and one female, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 15 December 1996. T.G. Murin.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one immature, Mt. Philo, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 22 April 1997. T.G. Murin.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one immature, Appalachian Trail, Bridgewater, Windsor Cty., 27 September 1997. Jim Tietz, Tim Redman.

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GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) - one subadult, Rupert Mt., Rupert, Bennington Cty., 19 October 1997. E.F. Gilbert.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) - one dark morph, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 16 November 1996. S.W. Morrival, Jim Osborne et al.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 29 November 1996. Steve Faccio, Paul Fusco. Photographs.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one gray morph, Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 11 December 1996. S.S. Wetmore, J.A. Peterson.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) - one immature gray morph, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 28 December 1996. S.W. Morrival, Beatrice Guyett et al.

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BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) - one, near Savage Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 15 September 1996. R.B. Lavallee, Elizabeth Alton, Raymond Barnes.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) - one found dead at Rt. 17 north of Snake Mt. Addison, Addison Cty., 17 April 1997. S.G. Parren. Photograph.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) - one, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 10 September 1997. W.J. Norse.

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) - one, Sudbury, Rutland Cty., 26 May 1997. S.S. Wetmore, Mary Lou Webster, Betty Barbarise.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one, Red Rocks Park, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 17 May 1997. S.W. Morrival.

DICKCISSEL (*Spiza americana*) - one adult female, Addison, Addison Cty., 27 September 1997. F.A. Pratt.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) - one adult with three young, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Cty., 9 June 1997. S.S. Wetmore, David Jenne, Bryan Pfeiffer, Roy Pilcher.

SPRUCE GROUSE (*Dendragapus canadensis*) - one adult female and one chick, Yellow Bogs, Lewis, Essex Cty., 17 July 1997. Alexander Weinhagen.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

NORTHERN FLICKER (*Colaptes auratus*) - one, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 13 February 1997. D.J. Hoag.

BLUE-HEADED VIREO (*Vireo solitarius*) - one, North Westminster, Windham Cty., 21 December 1996. Dan Crook, Jean Sangdahl.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (*Dendroica coronata*) - one, East St. Bridport, Addison Cty., 9 March 1997. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) - one male, Bridgewater Corners, Windsor Cty., 27 December 1996. Christopher C. Rimmer, Kevin Taft.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) - one adult, winter plumage, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 21 December 1996. Whitney Nichols.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) - four, Hawkins Rd. Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 11 January 1997. J.A. Peterson, S.S. Wetmore.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*P. sandwichensis*) - three, Nortontown Rd., Addison, Addison Cty., 2 February 1997. J.A. Peterson, S.S. Wetmore et al.



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*Two of the nine Tundra Swans
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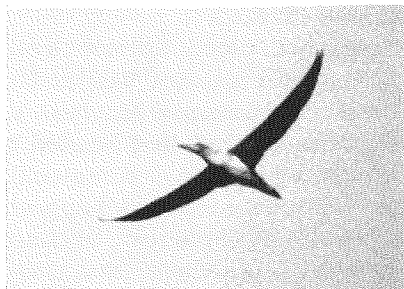
PARASITIC JAEGER (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) — one dark morph, off Elm Point, Lake Champlain, Addison, Addison Cty., 1-7 November 1997. Theodore G. Murin, Scott W. Morrill, Frederick A. Pratt et al. A similar individual seen at this same location 7-8 December 1997 could well have been the same bird. A previous report off Georgia shore, Franklin Cty., 26 October, 1987 by Richard B. Lavalley was accepted as hypothetical.

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) — two or three, Red Rocks Park, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 3-31 May 1998. T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrill. Confirmed nesting. A previous report from Brattleboro, Windham Cty., 8 April, 1992 by Tom Maloney and John Dunn was accepted as hypothetical.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

NORTHERN

GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) — one, Alburg Passage/ Carry Bay, North Hero, Grand Isle Cty., 16 October 1998. Richard B. Lavalley, F.A. Pratt. Photographs. Tenth state record.



Northern Gannet, Alburg Passage, North Hero, October 16, 1998.
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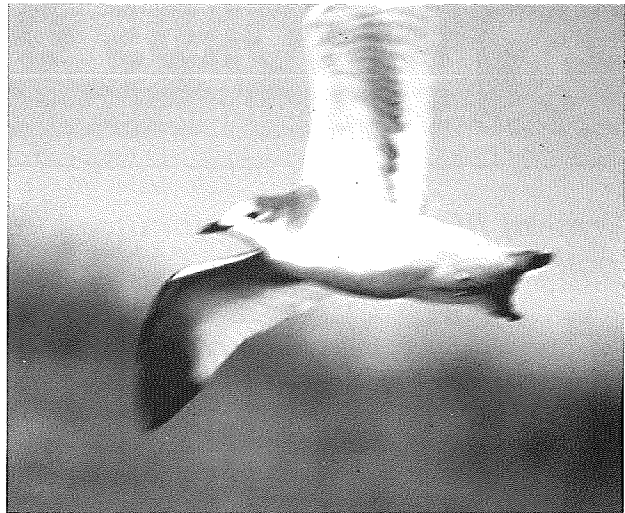
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

— two adults, alternate plumage, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 22 May 1998. T.G. Murin et al. Fifth state record.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*) — one adult, LaPlatte River, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 12 September 1998. Denis J. Poley, Maria E. Poley. Fourth state record.

ROSS'S GOOSE (*Chen rossii*) — one blue morph adult, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 11 October 1998. T.G. Murin, Peter Riley. Second state record for blue morph.

KING EIDER (*Somateria spectabilis*) — one first year male, Lake Champlain, Addison, Addison Cty., 30 November 1997. T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Seventh state record.



One of two juvenile Sabine's Gulls observed on Lake Champlain in St. Albans on September 24 and 25, 1998.
Note the unique wing pattern.
Photo by Richard B. Lavalley.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) — one adult, basic plumage, Thompson's Point, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 23, 25 & 27 October 1998. R.B. Lavalley, T.G. Murin, Wayne S. Scott, David J. Hoag et al. Photographs. Fifth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) — one adult, basic plumage, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 31 October & 1 November 1998. George E. (Terry) Hall, T.G. Murin. Considered by plumage details to be a different individual from the one above. Sixth state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) — two juveniles, Lake Champlain, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 24-25 September 1998. R.B. Lavalley, F.A. Pratt, D.J. Hoag. Photographs. Seventh state record.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus rufus*) — one male, Arlington, Bennington Cty., 10 July 1998. Cornelia S. Chapin, Charles T. Chapin. Seventh state record.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*) — one singing male, Long Point, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 18, 20 & 21 May 1998. Jo-Ann D. Appleton, T.G. Murin, S.W. Morrill et al. Fifth state record, second report to RVB.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) — one singing male, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 3, 7 & 11 July 1998. Mark R. Paul. Eighth state record.

ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*) – one male, Hartland Four Corners, Windsor Cty., 1 May 1998. Alan Goldblatt. First hypothetical state record.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis bornemanni*) – one, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 26 December 1997. Susanne S. Wetmore.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

NORTHERN GANNET (*M. bassanus*) – one first winter, Lake Champlain at Panton, Addison Cty., 23 October 1998. F.A. Pratt, R.B. Lavallee. Photographs.

ROSS'S GOOSE (*Chen rossii*) – two white morph, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 27 March 1998. D.J. Hoag.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) – nine, Rt. 73 West, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 9 April 1998. S.S. Wetmore, many observers and much press coverage. Photograph.

TUNDRA SWAN (*C. columbianus*) – one adult, Mt. Philo Rd., Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 2 November 1998. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male in alternate plumage, Lake Champlain at Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 21 October 1998. T.G. Murin.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) – one male in alternate plumage, Button Bay, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 1-2 & 5 November 1997. T.G. Murin.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (*H. histrionicus*) – one male in alternate plumage, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 31 January 1998. T.G. Murin, James Osborn.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – one adult, Ward Hill, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., 6 July 1998. F.A. Pratt.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) – one gray morph, Lake Champlain shore at Panton, Addison Cty., 16 February 1998. Judith A. Peterson, Paul and Carol Faxon.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – six, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., 16 September 1998. D.J. Hoag, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) – one, off Sampson Point, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 18 September 1998. R.B. Lavallee.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) – one, Bixby Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 16 October 1998. Photograph. R.B. Lavallee, F.A. Pratt.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) – one, Landgrove Hollow Rd., Landgrove, Windham Cty., 13 November 1997. Carol Knight.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*Surnia ulula*) – one, Jericho, Chittenden Cty., 4 January 1998. Photograph. Julia M. Nicholson, Penny Soares, Karen Bowles.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – two, Snake Mountain, Addison, Addison Cty., 21 December 1997. Randy Durand, Cathy Durand.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (*Lanius ludovicianus*) – one, LaFountain Farm, Weybridge, Addison Cty., 26-28 April 1998. J.A. Peterson, Kris Andrews, J.M. Nicholson et al.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) – one banded at Bragdon Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 8 September 1998. Colleen Dwyer, Tim Redman, Brandt Ryder, Chris Rimmer.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

AMERICAN COOT (*Fulica americana*) – two adults, one young, Otter Creek, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 28 July 1998. Kathleen Hoopes, Warren King. Accepted as possible.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – five, Johnson State College, Johnson, Lamoille Cty., 14-18 July 1998. Julie M. Boudreau, John Wrazen, Ray Lambert. Second nesting at this location.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – two adults, five nestlings, Pleasant View Cemetery, Morristown, Lamoille Cty., 20 June thru 13 July 1998. Julie M. Boudreau, John Wrazen, Bryan Pfeiffer, F.A. Pratt. First nesting at this location.

OUT-OF SEASON REPORTS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) – Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 21 December 1997. T.G. Murin et al.

GLOSSY IBIS (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – one, Simm's Point Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 29 July thru 8 August 1998. D.J. Hoag, R.B. Lavallee.

DUNLIN (*Calidris alpina*) – one, Simm's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 28 May 1998. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*) – one, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., 10 November 1997. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER (*Dendroica caerulescens*) – one adult male, Hammond residence, Reading, Windsor Cty., 30 December 1997 thru 26 January 1998. Forrest Hammond, Kristina Hammond, Colleen Hammond. Photographs.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) – one immature, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., 21 December 1997. T.G. Murin et al.



Normally a fall migrant in Vermont, this Dunlin was found on May 28, 1998 at Simm's Point on Grand Isle.
Photo by David J. Hoag.

SUB-SPECIES, EXOTICS, ESCAPES, HYBRIDS

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) – three, Herrick's Cove, Bellow's Falls, Windham Cty., 8 August 1998. Andrew Greenwood. Origin unknown.

BARNACLE GOOSE (*Branta leucopsis*) – two, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 23 October 1998. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag. Origin questionable.

HUMMINGBIRD SP. – one, Wagner residence, Sheffield, Caledonia Cty., 6,7 & 11 August 1998. Paul Wagner, Shirley Wagner. Buff to light brown coloration, species undetermined. Videotape.

CLAY-COLORED X FIELD SPARROW – one possible hybrid, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 28 April thru 1 June 1998. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.



RECORDS OF VERMONT BIRDS

VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE

1999 REPORT

Vermont Bird Records Committee 1999 Report

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A first year male Common Eider; only the 8th report to RVB, was observed and photographed on Lake Champlain near Charlotte on 11-12 November, 1999. Photo by David Hoag.

evidence is observed, except when seen on a platform), **Bald Eagle** (if nesting evidence is observed), **Northern Harrier** (outside the Champlain Valley), **Cooper's Hawk** (if nesting evidence is observed), **Peregrine Falcon, Spruce Grouse, Sora** (except the Barton River Marshes, West Rutland Marsh, Dead Creek and Missisquoi Marshes), **Upland Sandpiper, Short-eared Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker** (if nesting is probable or con-

firmed), **Gray Jay** (outside the Northeast Kingdom), **Loggerhead Shrike, Grasshopper Sparrow, Orchard Oriole** (if nesting evidence is observed), **Pine Grosbeak, Red Crossbill** (if confirmed breeding), and **Mute Swan**.

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FIRST STATE RECORD

SUMMER Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) - one, second year male, inadvertently caught in a cage, Brandon, Rutland Cty., 11 May 1999. Susanne S. Wetmore et al. Photograph.
A previous report from Hartland Four Corners, Windsor Cty., 1 May 1998 by Alan Goldblatt was accepted as hypothetical.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*) - one, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 3 September 1999. Richard B. Lavallee. Fifth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*Anser albifrons*) - two adults, Button Bay, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 17 November 1998. Theodore G. Murin. Seventh state record.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) - one first year male, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 11-12 November 1998. T.G. Murin, David J. Hoag, Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Eighth report to RVB. Photographs.

AMERICAN AVOCET (*Recurvirostra americana*) - one adult, Lake Lamoille, Morrisville, Lamoille Cty., 21 July 1999. Gretchen Damon, T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt et al. Third report to RVB.

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) - two sub-adults and one juvenile, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., 6 October 1999. R.B. Lavallee. Fourth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., 10 October 1998. Scott W. Morrill. Possibly the same bird as one approved in the 1998 VBRC Report, thus a fifth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) - one adult, basic plumage, mouth of Little Otter Creek, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 4 November 1999. Judith A. Peterson, S.S. Wetmore. Seventh state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) - one juvenile, Lake Champlain, Milton, Chittenden Cty., 19 September 1999. Allan M. Strong. Eighth state record.

SUMMER Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) - one second year male, Alburg Springs, Grand Isle Cty., 17 May 1999. Joanne Mapes. Second state record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) - one singing male, Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., 20 May 1999. Andrew Knafel, Anne Hunter, Elizabeth F. Gilbert. Ninth state record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*S. pallida*) - one singing male, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., 27 May 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt. Tenth state record.

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) - one immature female, Hartland Four Corners, Windsor Cty., 5 December 1998. Pierre Fournier, Julia M. Nicholson, Betty R. Jillson. Second state record. Photograph.



A second year male Summer Tanager, Vermont's first state record, was accidentally captured in a bird cage in Brandon on 11 May, 1999. Sue Wetmore documented the bird with this photo before it was released.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) - one male, Guilford, Windham Cty., 28 May 1999. Susan James, Gerry James. Fourth state record.

ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) - one, basic plumage, Tri-town Water Plant, Addison, Addison Cty., 27 October 1998. S.W. Morrill. Second hypothetical (only one observer) state record.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) - one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 31 March 1999. D.J. Hoag. First hypothetical (only one observer) state record.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) - one adult, Gillette Swamp, Thetford, Orange Cty., 2 May 1999. Ted Levin, Linny Levin et al.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*E. caerulea*) - one adult, Kennedy Drive, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., 3 July 1999. Charles Gifford.

ROSS'S GOOSE

(*Chen rosi*) - two white morph adults, Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 5 April 1999. T.G. Murin.

BRANT (*Branta bernica*) - three adults, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 19 August 1999. D.J. Hoag.

TUNDRA SWAN

(*Cygnus columbianus*) - fourteen, Lake Memphremagog, Newport City, Orleans Cty., 13 December 1998. Bill Prue, Jeanne Prue. Photograph.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - one, Morristown, Lamoille Cty., 1 November 1998. Liz Kellogg Lackey, Frank and Marion Kellogg.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) - one, Connecticut River, McIndoe Falls, Caledonia Cty., 2 July 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

SANDHILL CRANE (*G. canadensis*) - one, Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., 4-5 October 1999. E.F. Gilbert, Marshal T. Case et al.

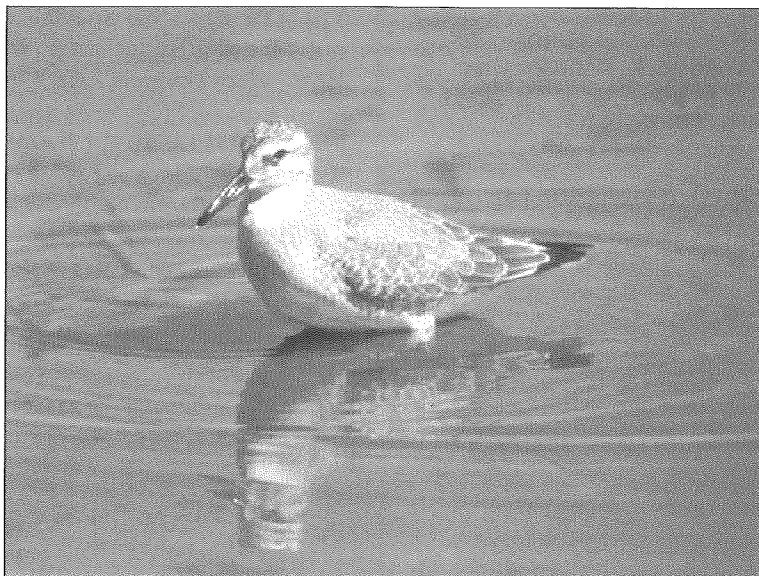
HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*) - one juvenile, Stone Bridge, DCWMA, Panton, Addison Cty., 17 September 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

RED KNOT (*Calidris canutus*) - five, basic plumage, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 19 August 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

RED KNOT (*C. canutus*) - two to four, basic plumage, Highgate and Swanton, Franklin Cty., 24 August to 2 September 1999. R.B. Lavallee. Photographs.

RED KNOT (*C. canutus*) - one, basic plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 5 September 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*) - one, alternate plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 29 May 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.



One of several Red Knots observed during late August and early September, 1999 in the northern reaches of Lake Champlain, this individual was photographed by Richard Lavallee in Swanton, VT.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER

(*C. fuscicollis*) - one, alternate plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 1 June 1999. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER

(*Tryngites subruficollis*) - one at Milton, Chittenden Cty., and one at Highgate, Franklin Cty., 28 August 1999 (Milton) and 2 September 1999 (Highgate). R.B. Lavallee et al.

Photographs and video.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*T. subruficollis*) - two, Winooski Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., 29 August 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*T. subruficollis*) - one, Prunier Rd. Weybridge, Addison Cty., 18 September 1999. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) - one, Lake Morey Rd., Fairlee, Orange Cty., 8 September 1999. Mark E. Scott.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) - one adult, Sandbar Wildlife Management Area, Milton, Chittenden Cty., 16 July 1999. F.A. Pratt.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) - one, Hawkins Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 8 May 1999. A.M. Strong.

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WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) - one immature, Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., 25 September 1999. T.G. Murin, Ernest W. Buford.

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) - one, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., 19 July 1999. William J. Norse.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) - one, Rockingham, Windham Cty., 3 October 1999. W.J. Norse.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) - one adult, Bragdon Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 2 September 1999. Thomas B. Ryder, et al. Banded and photographed.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*O. agilis*) - one hatch year, Bragdon Preserve, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 14 September 1999. Steven D. Faccio, et al. Banded and photographed.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) - two adults and five young, Morristown, Lamoille Cty., 9 July 1998. F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt, Bryan Pfeiffer. This is another sighting of the same nesting considered and tabled at the 1998 Records Committee Meeting.

PALM WARBLER (*Dendroica palmarum*) - six singing males, two females, including one territorial pair carrying food. Yellow Bogs, Lewis, Essex Cty., 24 May 1998. Tom Aversa, Anne Aversa, Dave Nyzio.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (*Mergus serrator*) - two adults (female plumage), one downy young, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., 10-20 June 1996. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

KILLDEER (*Charadrius vociferus*) - two, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., 20 December 1998. Michele Patenaude et al.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus varius*) - one female, Bridgewater, Windsor Cty., 29 December 1998. Mark Council, Dan Crook.

BROWN THRASHER (*Toxostoma rufum*) - one, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., 25 December 1998-5 March 1999. J.M. Nicholson.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) - one, Stockbridge, Windsor Cty., 13-16 December 1999. Edward Hack. Photograph.

TABLED

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) - six or seven, north Lake Champlain, various towns and dates, 22 July 1999 thru 4 September 1999. R.B. Lavallee et al. Tabled pending receipt of reports from other observers or photographs.



This White-rumped Sandpiper was observed and photographed by David Hoag on 1 June, 1999 in Grand Isle, VT.



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Fork-tailed Flycatcher courtesy of anon photographer

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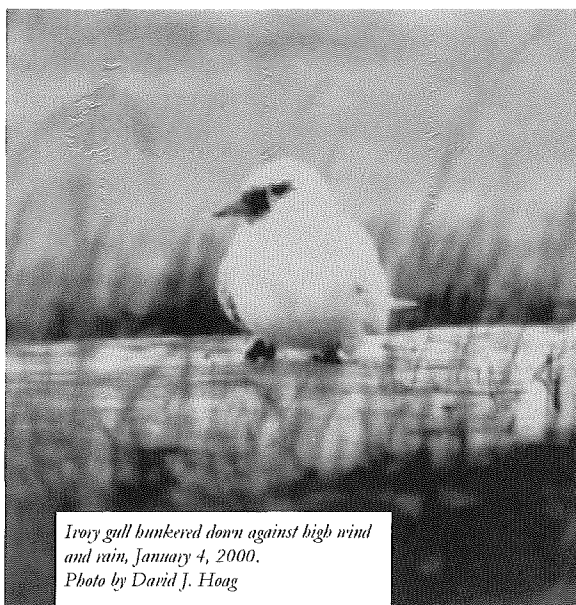
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FIRST STATE RECORDS

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – one male, 7 April 2000, South Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Charles Gifford, Otto Meier, Chris Sharp.

IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnea*) – one first winter, 4 January 2000, Nichols' Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., David J. Hoag, Theodore G. Murin, George E. Hall. Photographs.



*Ivory gull hunkered down against high wind and rain, January 4, 2000.
Photo by David J. Hoag*

HOARY RED-POLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, 27 January 2000, Tinmouth, Rutland Cty., Phillip M. Ballou. Photographs.

Many other previous sightings of this species were accepted as “hypothetical” pending scientific clarification of this

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*) – one, 2 September 2000, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., Richard B. Lavalley. Only one observer.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one first year, 28 November 1999, Burlington breakwater, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., Wayne Scott, T. G. Murin et al. Ninth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*Anser albifrons*) – one, 21 March 1999, Tinmouth, Rutland Cty., P. M. Ballou, Roy W. Pilcher. Photograph. Eighth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*A. albifrons*) – two, 12 October 1999, East Dorset, Bennington Cty., Barbara W. Powers, Ruth Stewart, Elizabeth F. Gilbert, Mary Ann Parker, Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Ninth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*A. albifrons*) – two, 3 January 2000, West Street, Proctor, Rutland Cty., R.W. Pilcher, Susanne S. Wetmore. Tenth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, 1 August 2000, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D. J. Hoag. Eighth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) – one adult non-breeding, 15 September 2000, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin. Ninth state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) – one juvenile, 28 September 2000, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin, Allan M. Strong, R. B. Lavalley, D. J. Hoag. Ninth state record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (*Cepphus grylle*) – one first winter or non-breeding adult, 30 November 1999, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin. Fourth state record.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savanna*) – one probable adult, 10 June 2000, Hawkins Road, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., Beatrice P. Guyett, Jeanne Wisner and many observers over a period of several weeks. Photographs. Second state record.

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) – one, 13 May 2000, Peru-Landgrove Road, Peru, Bennington Cty., William J. Norse. Second state record.

REPORTS OF OTHER RARE SPECIES

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) – one juvenile, 16 October 2000, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – one adult, 20 April 2000, Rt. 73, Brandon, Rutland Cty., S. S. Wetmore, m. ob. Photograph.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) – one adult, 4 April 1999, south of U.S. Rt. 7, Rutland Town, Rutland Cty., Nancy L. Martin, Walter G. Ellison.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male, alternate plumage, 4 April 1999, Hopkins Rd., Panton, Addison Cty., N. L. Martin, W. G. Ellison.

EURASIAN WIGEON OR EURASIAN WIGEON X AMERICAN WIGEON HYBRID (*A. penelope*) – three males, 16 April 2000, Tabor Rd., Swanton, Franklin Cty., Kenneth Copenhaver.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – one immature, 16 February 2000, Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., Solon Rhode et al.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*A. chrysaetos*) – two adults, 13 May 2000, southern Vermont Valley, Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kim Likakis.

RED KNOT (*Calidris canutus*) – three, 10 August 2000, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D. J. Hoag.

RED KNOT (*C. canutus*) – one, 4 September 2000, Nichol's Point and Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D. J. Hoag. Photographs.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*) – five, 15-16 September 2000, Green-

bush Rd., Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin, Craig S. Provost, Scott W. Morrical, James Osborne.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – one juvenile, 1 October 2000, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Cty., F. A. Pratt, E. B. Pratt.

JAEGER SP. - four to six, 18 October 1999, Lake Champlain off Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, D. J. Hoag.

JAEGER SP. - one, 8 November 1999, Lake Champlain off Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin, Peter Riley.



*On September 4, 2000 this Red Knot appeared on Young Island, Grand Isle Vermont.
Photo by David J. Hoag*

JAEGER SP. - one, 27 November 1999, Lake Champlain Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., David J. Hoag.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one, 4 May 2000, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Cty., S. S. Wetmore.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) – one male, 17 October

1999, Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty., N. L. Martin, W. G. Ellison. (note: RSD not required)

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*M. carolinus*) – one immature, 26 August 2000 and 11 September 2000, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., John D. Marsh. Indication of possible nesting in the area but no direct evidence.

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) – one singing male, 27 May 2000, Happy Valley Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., A. M. Strong.

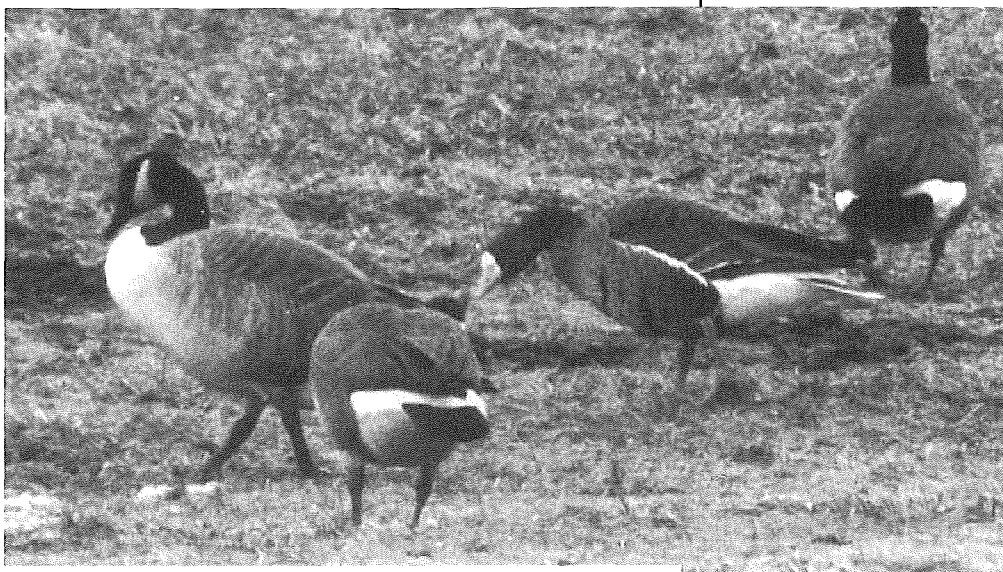
SEDGE WREN (*C. platensis*) – two, 17 June 2000 and one, 25 June 2000, Happy Valley Rd., Bridport, Addison Cty., Paula A. Gills, Ted Richards, Anne Connor. Probably included the singing male

reported above.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) – one, 21 September 2000, Ward Hill, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., F. A. Pratt, E. B. Pratt.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) – one adult, 11 September 2000, Ward Hill, South Duxbury, Washington Cty., F. A. Pratt.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – one, 10 May 2000, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Cty., W. J. Norse.



A Greater White-fronted Goose feeding with Canada Geese in Timmouth March 3, 1999. Photo by Phillip Ballou

RARE NESTING SPECIES

PIED BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – one adult, four chicks, 12 July 2000, South Bay WMA, Coventry, Orleans Cty., Martha Pitt.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – one to four adults, 12 July to 2 August 2000, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D. J. Hoag. Photographs. Accepted as probable/attempted nesting.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – one male and one female, 22 July to 6 August 2000, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D. J. Hoag. The male was the same one documented last in the section above.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

RED-NECKED GREBE (*Podiceps grisegena*) – one, basic plumage, 25 July 1999, Shantee Point, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., Donna Martin, Burnie Martin.

HUMMINGBIRD SP. – one, probably a Ruby-throated, very early, 3 April 2000, Coventry Lane, Manchester Center, Bennington Cty., Betsy Edwards.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (*Dendroica coronata*) – two, 19 December 1999, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T. G. Murin.

FIELD SPARROW

(*Spizella pusilla*) – one, 19 December 1999, Bittersweet Falls, Weybridge, Addison Cty., John Chamberlain, Barbara Brosnan.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

(*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) – one immature, 28 December 1999, Woodstock, Windsor Cty., Anne T. Aversa, Mark Council.

REVERSAL OF PREVIOUS VOTES

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, 23 May 1995, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty. Jacquelyn P. Marlow, Donna Preuss. Was photographed and found to be an albino American Robin. The record is now not accepted.

BARNACLE GOOSE (*Branta leucopsis*) – one, 1 April 1996, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D. J. Hoag. Later found to be a probable escapee and transferred by vote to that category.

2001 REPORT

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Action taken by the Committee on October 13, 2001

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER (*Pluvialis fulva*) – one, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 September, 2000. David J. Hoag. Photographs.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

NORTHERN FULMAR (*Fulmarus glacialis*) – one light morph, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 23 November 2000. Theodore G. Murin. Second state record.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – one male, South Hero at railroad bed, Grand Isle Co., 14 April 2001. Roy W. Pilcher, Michael Ferraro, Paula A. Gills. Second state record.

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*) – one, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., 26 May 2001. Allan M. Strong, Scott Schwenk. Sixth state record. Another sighting later that day in Colchester may have been the same bird.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*Calidris mauri*) – one juv., Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 10 October 2000. D.J. Hoag. Fifth report to RVB.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*C. mauri*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 28-29 September 2000. Dennis Abbott, Frederick and Eleanor Pratt et al. Sixth report to RVB.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one dark juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 4 November 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, A.M. Strong. Second state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) – two dark juvs., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 24 October 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag. Third state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one dark morph, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 8 November 1999. T.G. Murin, Peter Riley. Fourth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one light juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 25 November 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, George E. Hall. Fifth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) – one juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 4 November 1999. T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, A.M. Strong. Third state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – two intermediate juvs., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 6 November 1999. T.G. Murin, Wayne Scott. Fourth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – one light juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 17 November 1999. T.G. Murin. Fifth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – one intermediate juv., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 17 November 1999. T.G. Murin. Sixth state record.

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) – one, West Hill Pond, Cabot, Washington Co., 15 July 2001. Dory Rice, Katherine L. Oligati. Fifth state record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) – one, Connecticut River at Whetstone Brook, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 31 January 2001. Mark Taylor. Sixth state record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) – one, Stratton Mountain, Bondville, Bennington Co., 7,18,25 June 2001. Thomas Brandt Ryder, Kent P. McFarland, A.M. Strong. Eighth state record.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, Underhill, Chittenden Co., 21 October 1999. Dave Lazicki. Eighth state record.

HARRIS'S SPARROW (*Zonotrichia querula*) – one first winter, Putney, Windham Co., Late November thru March 4, 2001. Steve Medved, Wayne Scott, Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin et al. Second state record. Photographs.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – one adult, Roundy's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Co., 17 September 2000. William J. Norse.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male, causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 5 April 2001. A.M. Strong.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) – one gray morph juv., South Hero, Grand Isle Co., 12 January 2001. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*) – male and female in breeding plumage, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., 4,7 June 2001. Richard B. Lavalley, F.A. and E.B. Pratt. Photographs.

JAEGER SP. (*Stercorarius sp.*) – Fifteen reports where species was undetermined, from September 1999 to September 2001 on or near Lake Champlain, Addison, Grand Isle and Chittenden Cos. More details available upon request.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) – two juvs., off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 4 November 2000. T.G. Murin, James Osborne, F.A. Pratt.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) – one, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 7 November 2000. Bryan Pfeiffer, T.G. Murin.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) – one, Burlington waterfront, Chittenden Co., 7 November 2000. B. Pfeiffer, T.G. Murin.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one, Hinesburg, Chittenden Co., 10 December 2000. Mark LaBarr. Owl found dead beside road.

LONG-EARED OWL (*A. otus*) – two, Snake Mountain, Addison, Addison Co., 21-25 March 2001. Rodney Olsen et al.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

GREEN-WINGED TEAL (*Anas crecca*) – two adults, four young, beaver pond, West Bolton, Chittenden Co., 1 June thru 25 July 2000. Mike Cassara. Second nesting record.

NORTHERN HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*) – two adults, four young, at Windsor Correctional Facility, Windsor, Windsor Co., 28 July 2001. Michael T. Quinn.

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) – two adults, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Co., 1-16 May 2001. T.G. Murin, Sarah Breeyear. Third nesting record.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – two adults, three nestlings, later fledged, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 28 May thru 30 June 2001. D.J. Hoag. Photographs. Second nesting record.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*) – two adults, young heard from nest, McCuen's Slang, Addison, Addison Co., 5 June 2000. Susanne Wetmore, J.A. Peterson et al.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*I. spurius*) – two adults, two fledglings, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 2-11 July 2001. D.J. Hoag, Bryan Higgins. Photographs.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

MARSH WREN (*Cistothorus palustris*) – two, Halfmoon Cove, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 17 December 2000. A.M. Strong, J. Osborne et al.

HERMIT THRUSH (*Catharus guttatus*) – one, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., 17 December 2000. T.G. Murin, Steve Parren.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – one adult male, Mountain Terrace, Bristol, Addison Co., 15 February 2001. Catherine H. Bailey.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) – one, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 9-24 December 2000. Peter W. Jones, Therese Donovan.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – two, East Thetford, Orange Co., 1 January 2001. Daniel H. Crook, Malcolm Crook.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*P. sandwichensis*) – one, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 25, 28 February 2001. Bob LeSuer, Rozann Bailleul-LeSuer.

FOX SPARROW (*Passerella iliaca*) – one, Williston Woods, Williston, Chittenden Co., 19 December 2000 thru 4 January 2001. Mary Wallman.

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IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnea*) – one, first summer, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 6 November 2000. T.G. Murin, P. Riley. More expert opinion needed.

NOT ACCEPTED

PACIFIC/ARCTIC LOON (*Gavia sp*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 19 October 2000.

GYRFALCON (*F. rusticolus*) – one gray morph, Williston, Chittenden Co., 22 January 2001.

YELLOW RAIL (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) – one adult, Pittsford, Rutland Co., 8 May 2001.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (*Lanius ludovicianus*) – one, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 28-29 March 2001.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*O. oenanthe*) – one, Bingo Rd. Rochester, Windsor Co., 24 June 2001.

2002 REPORT

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Action taken by the Committee November 2, 2002

FIRST STATE RECORD

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one adult in breeding plumage, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 13 October 2002. Larry Hills, Theodore G. Murin, Allan M. Strong. Two previous reports were accepted as hypothetical- only one observer.

FIRST STATE NESTING RECORDS

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – two adults with nest and egg, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 14-20 July 2002. David E. Capen, and two adults with two eggs, Popasquash Island, St. Albans, Franklin Co., 22 May thru 3 July 2002. Mark LaBarr, Laura Sears, Cori Howman.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) – male and female at nest hole feeding at least one nestling, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 21-28 May 2001. Laura A. New, Alfred New. Video.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

SHEARWATER SP. (thought to be MANX (*Puffinus puffinus*) by observer) – one, off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 24 August 2001. David J. Hoag. Fifth accepted state record of shearwater of any species.

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 16 September 2001. T.G. Murin. Eighth state record.

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one adult, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 29 October 2001. Richard B. Lavalley, D.J. Hoag, Dennis Abbott. Tenth state record.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) – one juvenile, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 19 September 2001. T.G. Murin, Eleanor B. Pratt, Frederick A. Pratt, D. Abbott, James E. Osborne. Ninth state record.

KING EIDER (*Somateria spectabilis*) – one adult male, basic plumage, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 October 2002. D.J. Hoag. Eighth state record.

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*) – one, White River Jct., Windsor Co., 27 June 2002. D. Abbott. Seventh state record.

WESTERN SANDPIPER (*Calidris mauri*) – one, mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 19 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley. Seventh state record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 15 September 2000. T.G. Murin. Third state record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*S. longicaudus*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 29 August 2001. D.J. Hoag. Fourth state record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*S. longicaudus*) – one adult, breeding plumage, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 11 September 2001. T.G. Murin. Fifth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 2 September 2000. T.G. Murin. Sixth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one immature, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 1 September 2001. T.G. Murin, A.M. Strong. Seventh state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one immature, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 14 September 2001. T.G. Murin, J.E. Osborne. Eighth state record.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – one juvenile, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 26 September 2001. T.G. Murin. Ninth state record.

IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnea*) – one first summer, off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 6 November 2000. T.G. Murin, Peter Riley. Second state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 November 2001. D.J. Hoag. Tenth state record.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) – two juveniles, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 13 September 2001. T.G. Murin, F.A. Pratt, Hank Kaestner. Tenth state record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (*Cepphus grylle*) – three, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 18 October 2001. D.J. Hoag. Fifth state record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) – one, Snake Mountain, Addison, Addison Co., 30 October 2001. Rodney Olsen et al. Ninth state record. Photographed and banded.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus rufus*) – one adult female, Chester, Windsor Co., 24 August 2002. Virginia Freeman, Hugh and Bunny Putnam. Eighth state record. Photographs.

DICKCISSEL (*Spiza americana*) – one first year female, Danby, Rutland Co., 24 November 2001. David Middleton. Ninth report to RVB.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – one male, Sandbar SP, Milton, Chittenden Co., 17 March 2002. Kenneth M. Becker, Linda M.V. Becker.

CHUKAR (*Alectoris chukar*) – six, Tucker Hill Rd., Thetford, Orange Co., 25 August 2002. Rich Fedorchak, Ellen Maddux. Origin unknown. Photograph.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – three, Essex Jct., Chittenden Co., 19 March 2002. Tom Simmons, Mike Johnson.

SANDHILL CRANE (*G. canadensis*) – three, Addison, Addison Co., 14 March 2002. Alan Pistorius, Jeanne Wisner, Lillian Birkett, Penny Goodkind.

WILLET (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*) – one, Shad Island, Highgate, Franklin Co., 9 October 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – one, Missisquoi River, Highgate, Franklin Co., 26 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*L. scolopaceus*) – two, mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 15 October 2001. R.B. Lavalley, D. Abbott.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*) – one, mouth of Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 29 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley, Dorothy K. Lavalley.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus tricolor*) – two, Dead Creek, Highgate, Franklin Co., 21 August 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) – one winter adult, Missisquoi Bay, Highgate, Franklin Co., 26 September 2001. R.B. Lavalley.

RED PHALAROPE (*P. fulicaria*) – one juvenile, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., 16 October 2001. Tom Aversa.

POMARINE JAEGER (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) – one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 6 September 2002. D.J. Hoag. Accepted as Jaeger Sp.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) – one juvenile, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 29 September 2001. T.G. Murin, A.M. Strong.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*R. tridactyla*) – one, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., 17 November 2001. Wayne Scott.

RINGED TURTLE DOVE (*Streptopelia risoria*) – one, Main St., Orwell, Addison Co., 3 September 2001. S. Wetmore. Accepted as Streptopelia.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles minor*) – one on 10 June 2002 and three on 21 August 2002, Strafford, Orange Co., Steve Faccio. Accepted as probably nesting.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 23 August 2001. D.J. Hoag. Unusual location.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (*Lanius ludovicianus*) – one, Hawkins Rd. Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 16 March 2002. J.E. Osborne.

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) – one male, Sutton, Caledonia Co., 15 December 2001 thru 11 January 2002. Ronald and Lucey Trembley et al. Photograph.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) – one, Tunbridge, Orange Co., 12 October 2001. Tom Aversa.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*) – one, Hartland, Windsor Co., 11 September 2001. William Shepard.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW (*Ammodramus henslowii*) – one, Londonderry, Windham Co., 19 September 2001. William J. Norse.

LARK SPARROW (*Chondestes grammacus*) – one, Blinn Lane, Middlebury, Addison Co., 8 April 2002. J.A. Peterson, Frances Prickitt. Third hypothetical state record.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 11 February 2002. D.J. Hoag.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus americanus*) – one, Norwich, Orange Co., 14 October 2002. Spencer Hardy, Janet P. Hardy.

CHIPPING SPARROW (*Spizella passerina*) – seven, Williston, Chittenden Co., 30 January 2002 thru 10 February 2002. Carol C. Wagner. Photographs.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – three, Little Chicago Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., 15 February 2002. Linda McElvany.

NOT ACCEPTED

EARED GREBE (*Podiceps nigricollis*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., 4 December 2001.

WHOOPEE SWAN (*Cygnus cygnus*) – one, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Co., 5 June 2001.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (*Buteo lineatus*) – one, Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Co., 17 and 28 January 2002.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – two, Barnet, Caledonia Co., 11 August 2001.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa limosa*) – one, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 19 October 2001.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) – one, heard, Vershire, Orange Co., 20 September 2000.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one, Rt. 7, Danby, Rutland Co., 12 July 2001.

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (*Picoides tridactylus*) – South American Rd., Ferdinand, Essex Co., 15 July 2000.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) – one, Ripton, Addison Co., 27 May 2002.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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FIRST STATE RECORD

WILSON'S STORM PETREL (*Oceanites oceanus*) – one, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty, 20 September 2003. David Hoag. Most likely the same bird seen again at Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty, 21 September 2003, Larry Hills, Theodore G. Murin, Steve Antell. Four independent reports submitted.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

WHITE PELICAN (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) – one adult, Mud Island, Panton, Addison Cty, 10 May 2003. Judith A. Peterson, Larry Haugh, Paul and Carol Faxon. Sixth state record.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – two adult males, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty, 26 December 2002. T.G. Murin, J.A. Peterson, Mark and Kathy Wilson, m.ob. Fourth state record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) – one light morph adult, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty, 20 September 2003. T.G. Murin et al. Seventh state record

FISH CROW (*Corvus ossifragus*) – one, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Cty, 2 May 2003. Steve Antell, Allan Strong, T.G. Murin. Fourth state record. No further documentation required from this location.

OTHER REPORTS OF RARE SPECIES

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) – seven adults, over Cedar Lake, Monkton, Addison Cty, 4 May 2003. J.A. Peterson, Tom Peterson, Shining Chang. First spring record and first record of adult birds.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – one adult, Pawlet, Rutland Cty, 14 March 2003. L. Hills, Al Richards, Jeff Johnstone.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – three, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Cty., 9 October 2003. Dan Shustack, Mark Sweeney, Dave Hirth et al.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty, 21 November 2002. D.J. Hoag.

SABINE'S GULL (*Xema sabini*) – two, incl. one adult, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty, 4-5 September 2003. Richard B. Lavalley, T.G. Murin, D.J. Hoag, Bryan Pfeiffer. Photographs.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (*Surnia ulula*) – one, Old Stage Rd., Williston, Chittenden Cty, 24 March 2003. Carol C. Wagner.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) – one adult male, Shoreham, Addison Cty, 30 May 2003. Carolyn B. Jackson.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – two adults, two young, Lake Rd. Addison, Addison Cty, 28 July 2003. Mary O. Metcalf, J.A. Peterson.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) – two adults, two young, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Cty, 12 July 2003. S. Antell, Jo Ann Lafayette.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) - two adults, four young, Joe's Pond, West Danville, Caledonia Cty, 15 July 2003. Rosalind Renfrew, Steven D. Faccio. Photograph.

MERLIN (*F. columbarius*) – two adults, 3-4 young, Center St. Rutland City, Rutland Cty, 6 July 2003. Sean D. Clarkson, Jessica A. Clarkson. Photographs.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – two adults at nest site on egg, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty, 14 July 2002. David E. Capen.

WHIP-POOR-WILL (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) - two heard, Brandon Swamp area, Brandon, Rutland Cty, 17 May 2003, 2 June 2003. Susanne Wetmore, J.A. Peterson, Mary Lou Webster. Accepted as on territory.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*) – two adults, one young, Lake St. Addison, Addison Cty, 23 June 2003. M.O. Metcalf.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*) – one, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty, 15 December 2002. T.G. Murin.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) – one adult male, South Road, South Woodstock, Windsor Cty, 1 December 2002. Laurence H. Roberts, Jr., Priscilla A. Ramsay, Julia Nicholson.

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SAVANNAH SPARROW – IPSWICH RACE (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – one, Rte 22A, Bridport, Addison Cty, 16 December 2002. Rodney Olsen, Mike Winslow et al. Photographs. Need more video and expert opinion.

NOT ACCEPTED

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – two adults, Williston, Chittenden Cty, 10 October 2003. Photographs show a possible Chipping Sparrow.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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FIRST STATE RECORD

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes townsendi*) – one adult, 27-28 December 2003, Pleasant St., West Rutland, Rutland Cty, Roy W. Pilcher, Edward Hack, Richard I. Hetherington, Karen Barnouw, Anne Riker, Nancy L. Martin, Walter G. Ellison. Photographs.

FIRST STATE NESTING RECORD

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*) – two adults nest-building, on the nest, and flying to and from the nest, 13 May thru 7 July 2004, Shad/Metcalf Island, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton, Franklin Cty., Zoe L. Richards et al.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THROUGH TENTH

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one adult non-breeding, 23 October 2004, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., John Sutton, Dwight Cargill, Steve Antell. Second State Record.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) – 15 males, 5 November 2003, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Susanne Wetmore, Greta Taber. Tenth State Record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – two adults, 23 August 2004, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., David J. Hoag. Sixth State Record.

POMARINE JAEGER (*S. pomarinus*) – one, 17 August 2004, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Eighth State Record.

ATLANTIC PUFFIN (*Fratercula arctica*) – one, juvenile or basic plumaged adult, 27 November 2003, Burlington Waterfront, Chittenden Cty., Robert D. Scott. Second State Record.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*Ammodramus nelsoni*) – one adult, 3 October 2004, South end Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Theodore G. Murin, Allan M. Strong. Tenth accepted record overall and the first since this species was split from Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow in 1998. Seven historical records dating back to 1917 and two accepted reports from Steve Antell of birds at the mouth of the

Winooski River in 1980 and 1985 were likely of this species. The Committee agrees that this bird was probably of the subspecies *nelsoni*.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*A. nelsoni*) – one, 16 October 2004, South end Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Second record post-split. Possibly of the subspecies *alterus*.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*A. nelsoni*) – two, 18 October 2004, South end Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Richard B. Lavalley, Dennis Abbott. Third record post-split. One of the birds appeared to be *nelsoni* and the other *alterus*, possibly the same bird as the Pratt sighting above.

REPORTS OF OTHER RARE SPECIES

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*) – one immature, 24 November 2003, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

TUNDRA SWAN (*Cygnus columbianus*) – four, 12 November 2003, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Chris Petrak, Hector Galbraith.

ROSS'S GOOSE (*Chen rossii*) – one white adult, 6 April 2004, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin.

GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – one adult, 11 April 2004, Victory Basin, Essex Cty., John Sutton.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*) – one, 14 August 2004, Ompompanoosuc River flats, Norwich, Windsor Cty., Stefan Sturup.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*T. subruficollis*) - one, 9-11 September 2004, Middle Road, Swanton, Franklin Cty., R.B. Lavalley, F.A. Pratt, E.B. Pratt, Larry Haugh. Photographs.

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*) – two, 19 October 2004, Shelburne Bay Fishing Access, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., R.B. Lavalley, D. Abbott. Photographs.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one, 15 October 2004, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Accepted as Jaeger sp.

PARASITIC JAEGER (*S. parasiticus*) – two, 4 September 2003, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Accepted as Jaeger sp.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, 16 October 2003, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*L. ridibundus*) – one adult, 1 November 2003, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) – one immature, 22 October 2003, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) – at least eight at a total of five locations, 27 May thru 8 August 2004, Addison and Chittenden Counties, A.M. Strong et al.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, 21 April 2004, Polly Hubbard Rd. Georgia, Franklin Cty., Rod Vallee, Betty Vallee. Photograph.

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) – one female or young male, 19 December 2003 through March 2004, State Street, Montpelier, Washington Cty., Chip Darmstadt, Bryan Pfeiffer et al. Photograph.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (*Vermivora celata*) – one, 1 May 2004, Black Mountain, Dummerston, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*) – three adults, 16 June and 4 July 2004, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*S. pallida*) – one, 16 June 2004, Rte 102, Maidstone, Essex Cty., Rosalind Renfrew.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, 14 December 2003, Howe Road, Brookfield, Orange Cty., Paula A. Gills.

HOARY REDPOLL (*C. hornemanni*) – one, 30 December 2003, Howe Road, Brookfield, Orange Cty., P.A. Gills, Ted Richards.

HOARY REDPOLL (*C. hornemanni*) – one, 9 March 2004, Howe Road, Brookfield, Orange Cty., P.A. Gills.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

WHIP-POOR-WILL (*Caprimulgus vociferous*) – one newly-hatched chick on ground, shell fragments, 26 June 2004, Hartland Dam, Hartland, Windsor Cty., R. Renfrew, Pam Hunt.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Picoides arcticus*) – one adult, two young at nest hole, 2-16 June 2004, Long Pond, Craftsbury, Orleans Cty., R. Renfrew, Eric Hansen.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*S. pallida*) – male and female carrying food to nest site, 20-23 July 2004, Fisher Rd., Cornwall, Addison Cty., Brendan Collins.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) – one first year, 22 December 2003, Tritown Water Plant, Addison, Addison Cty., Maeve Kim.

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*) – one, 4 December 2003, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

TURKEY VULTURE (*C. aura*) – one, 23 January 2004, Brandon, Rutland Cty., S. Wetmore.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (*Buteo lineatus*) – one first year, 13 December 2003, Dummerston, Windham Cty., Eric Slayton, C. Petrak.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus varius*) – one female, 1 March 2004, North Rd., Manchester Ctr., Bennington Cty., Barbara W. Powers.

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*) – one, 10 December 2003, West Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Alfred Merritt, Barbara Merritt.

BROWN THRASHER (*Toxostoma rufum*) – one at feeder, 14 January thru 21 February 2004, Creekside Drive, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Richard F. Reid. Photographs.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – one, 14 December 2002, Bridport, Addison Cty., Rodney Olsen, Mike Winslow. Presented as Ipswich race, tabled for more information at the VBRC meeting in November 2003 and accepted as Ipswich in November 2004.

VESPER SPARROW (*Pooecetes gramineus*) – one, 28 December 2003, Janes Rd., Swanton, Franklin Cty., T.G. Murin, Ted Allen, Bryan Pfeiffer.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella magna*) – one adult, 14 December 2003, Londonderry, Windham Cty., Julia M. Nicholson, Elizabeth F. Gilbert.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) – one first year male, 11 November 2003, South Newfane, Newfane, Windham Cty., C. Petrak.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

EARED GREBE (*Podiceps nigricollis*) – two in flight over water, 30 October 2003, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., details insufficient to rule out Horned Grebe.

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*) - one, 29 March 2004, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., insufficient details; wing description is not consistent with White-tailed Kite.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, 11 January 2004, Vernon, Windham Cty., details insufficient to rule out Common Redpoll.

HOARY REDPOLL (*C. hornemanni*) – one, 17 January 2004, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., details insufficient to rule out Common Redpoll.

REPORTS NOT CONSIDERED

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one, 18 April 2004, Ledyard Bridge across from Norwich, VT in Windsor Cty. Stefan Sturup. This bird was seen on the Connecticut River and (which is technically part of NH) when it was observed, so this record was not considered.

Reports received within two weeks of the Records Committee meeting on November 6 may not be included above and will be considered at the next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2005. The Committee has established a cut-off date of October 1 for reports submitted for consideration at the 2005 meeting.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

DECISIONS – 5 NOVEMBER 2005

FIRST STATE RECORD

CACKLING GOOSE (*Branta hutchinsii*) – one, 13 October 1996, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty. David J. Hoag and TG Murin. Photograph. This report was previously accepted and became a First State Record when the AOU split this species from Canada Goose. In 2005 the Records Committee voted again on this report in case the previous vote was not unanimous.

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*) - one female, 4 June 2005, soaring over downtown Burlington, Chittenden Co., Scott Morrill.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one in alternate plumage, 15 May 2005, Kent Pond, Killington, Rutland Cty. Susan and Marvin Elliott, Roy Pilcher, Susanne Wetmore. Third State Record. Photographs.

EARED GREBE (*Podiceps nigricollis*) – one, basic plumage, 27 October 2004, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Fifth State Record.

TRI-COLORED HERON (*Egretta tricolor*) - one adult, 8 July 2005, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., Frederick and Eleanor Pratt, Theodore G. Murin, et al. Third State Record. Photographs.

ROSS'S GOOSE (*Chen rossii*) – one blue morph adult, 15 October 2004, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty. Hank and Josie Kaestner. Third State Record for blue morph. Photographs.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – one adult male, 3 April 2005, Causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Cty. Brendan Collins, Greg Cushing, Steve Antell, Barbara Leaf. Fourth State Record. Photographs.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one male, 19 December 2004, Lake Champlain, Georgia, Franklin Cty. Peter S. Mallett, Laurie Rainville, Helen Moses. Tenth State Record.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helminthos vermivora*) – one, 6-7 May 2005, Burlington, Chittenden Cty. Thomas C. Barber, Jean E. Barber. Eighth State Record.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*) – one male, 30 April 2005, Red Rocks Park, Burlington, Chittenden Cty. Michele Patenaude. Sixth State Record.

DICKCISSEL (*Spiza americana*) – one female, 24 October 2004, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty. Hector Galbraith. Tenth State Record.

OTHERS ACCEPTED

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one first year, 29 October 2004, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Cty. Richard B. Lavallee.

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*) – one dark morph, 23 February 2005, Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Cty. Rick Renaud, Anthony Boccio. Photograph.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – one juvenile, 30 August 2003, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty. Hank Kaestner, T.G. Murin. Photograph.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) – one singing male, 16 May 2005, Stockbridge, Rutland Cty. Kent P. McFarland.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (*Picoides tridactylus*) – three, at least one adult feeding at least one young, 16 July 2005, Wheeler Pond, Brunswick, Essex Cty. Maeve Kim.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (*Icteria virens*) – one adult male, 2 June 2005, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty. T.G. Murin.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*Ammodramus nelsoni*) – one, interior race, 20 October 2004, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty. H.Galbraith.

NOTABLE NESTING RECORDS

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – two adults, one downy chick, 25 August 2005, Simms Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty. D.J. Hoag.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*) – four perched near nest site, 23 July 2005, Lake Memphremagog, Derby, Orleans Cty. C. Woodbridge Hickcox, A.M. Hickcox.

LONG-EARED OWL (*Asio otus*) – one adult, three fledglings, 9 June 2005, Converse Bay, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty. T.G. Murin.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (Icterus spurius) – one female carrying food, 20 June 2005, Essex, Chittenden Cty. Brennan J. Neill.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

BARN SWALLOW (Hirundo rustica) – one, 24-25 November 2004, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty. D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

MARSH WREN (Cistothorus palustris) – two, 19 December 2005, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty. David Capen, John Harbison.

BROWN THRASHER (Toxostoma rufum) – one, 18 December 2004, Rawsonville, Windham Cty. Carol Cantwell, Julia Nicholson, Elizabeth F. Gilbert.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (Dendroica coronata) – five, 20 March 2005, West Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Brunswick, Essex Cty. Kevin Caldwell.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (Zonotrichia leucophrys) – one, 19 December 2004, Swanton, Franklin Cty. Toby Alexander.

FOX SPARROW (Passerella iliaca) – one, 17 December 2004, Thetford Center, Orange Cty. William Shepard et al.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW (Melospiza lincolni) – one, 19 December 2004, Springfield, Windsor Cty. Michael R. Walsh, Marianne E. Walsh, Tom Macon.

TABLED FOR FURTHER EXPERT OPINION

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) – one first year, 28 November 2004, Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty. T.G. Murin, Allan M. Strong.

THICK-BILLED MURRE (Uria lomvia) – one, alternate plumage, 19 June 2005, Barton River Marsh, Newport, Orleans Cty. Paul Cianfaglione.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 10 April 2005, Hardwick, Caledonia Cty. Inadequate description.

WHITE-TAILED KITE (Elanus leucurus) – one, 14 April 2005, Shaftsbury, Bennington Cty. This species has no state records thus far. The observation was that of a fly-by in front of a car. A brief observation of this nature does not provide a careful

observation that picks out all the field marks needed to identify this rare species and document a first state record.

SPRUCE GROUSE (Falciennis canadensis) – two females or young, 18 December 2004, Orange, Orange Cty. Did not adequately rule out Ruffed Grouse.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (Larus ridibundus) – four, alternate plumage, 15 May 2005, Kent Pond, Killington, Rutland Cty. Did not adequately rule out Bonaparte's Gull.

BLACK PHOEBE (Sayornis nigricans) – one, 14 September 2004, Lake Dunmore, Leicester, Addison Cty. The magnitude of this sighting requires a very detailed description of both plumage and behavior, which was lacking in both cases.

FIELD SPARROW (Spizella pusilla) – five, 24 December 2004, Moretown Village, Washington Cty. Left out some important field marks. The description as written could pertain to several different sparrow species.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

2006 DECISIONS

FIRST STATE RECORDS

BLACK-TAILED GULL (Larus crassirostris) – one adult completing molt into non-breeding plumage, 18 October 2005, Charlotte Town Beach, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty. Julie Hart, Theodore G. Murin, Matthew Medler, David Austin and m.ob. thru the end of October. Photographs and photo CD's.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) – one juvenile, 10 December 2005, Burlington Intervale compost works, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Bryan Pfeiffer. Excellent photographs by Heather Forcier and Bryan Pfeiffer plus detailed and thoughtful write-ups allowed the committee to accept the identification.

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

THICK-BILLED MURRE (Uria lomvia) – one in alternate plumage, 19 June 2005, Barton River Marsh and South Bay, Lake Memphremagog, Newport, Orleans Cty., Paul Cianfaglione. Photograph. The written report was accepted but the photograph that would have made this a First State Record was of poor quality and did not confirm the sighting.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

CAACKLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – one of probable hutchinsii subspecies, 5-6 November 2005, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Frederick A. Pratt, James Osborne. Second State Record.

CAACKLING GOOSE (B.hutchinsii) – one, as to species only, 22 January 2006, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Allan Strong. Third State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (Aythya fuligula) – two, male and female, 14 February 2006, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Bruce MacPherson. Fifth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (A. fuligula) – one adult male, 19 February 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., John Sutton, Dwight Cargill. Sixth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (A. fuligula) – two, male and female, 7 and 9 March 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., Steve Antell, David J. Hoag, Larry

Haugh et al. Photographs. Seventh State Record. Possibly the same birds as in the two reports above.

KING EIDER (Somateria spectabilis) – one adult male, 5 March 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., A.Strong. Ninth State Record.

TRI-COLORED HERON (Egretta tricolor) – one, 29 April 2006, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., Nancy A. Brown, Heather Forcier. Fourth State Record. Photographs.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 31 March 2006, West Dummerston, Windham Cty., John Anderson. Eighth State Record

LAUGHING GULL (Larus atricilla) – one adult, 18 June 2006, Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, Addison Cty., Chip Darmstadt, Alisa Darmstadt. Sixth State Record.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) or ICELAND (KUMLEIN'S) GULL (Larus glaucoides kumlieni) – one first year, 28 November 2004, Breakwater, Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong.

ARCTIC TERN (Sterna paradisaea) – one adult, 16 May 2006, Route 14, South Randolph, Orange Cty., Kyle Jones. Third State Record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (Cepphus grylle) – 10 adults, 4 immatures, 8 November 2005, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Sixth State Record.

OTHER ACCEPTED RECORDS

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (Anser albifrons) – one adult, 1 January 2006, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Chip Wright, Larry and Wendy Haugh. Photograph.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (A. albifrons) – one, 18 March 2006, Connecticut River, Rockingham, Windham Cty., Donald Clark, Taj Schottland, Al and Barbara Merritt.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (Histrionicus histrionicus) – one first winter male, 11 March 2006, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Peter Briggs, T.G. Murin, L. Haugh et al.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) – one gray morph adult, 7 March 2006, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., T.G. Murin, S. Antell.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one male, 19 May 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Noah Perlut.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (Oenanthe oenanthe) – one, 4 September 2006, Colchester Causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., A. Strong. Photographs.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – two, 1 October 2006, Brilyea Access Rd. DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Terrance M. Wright, Dwight L. Cargill et al.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one, 29-30 September 2005, Dover Rd., South Newfane, Windham Cty., Chris Petrak, Hector Galbraith. Photograph.

HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) - one, 5 February 2006, Brookfield, Orange Cty., Paula A. Gills.

NOTABLE NESTING RECORDS

RING-NECKED DUCK (Aythya collaris) – two adults, eight yg., 18 and 25 June 2005, Horse Pond, Greensboro, Orleans Cty., Alan H. Richardson, Lois P. Richardson.

SORA (Porzana carolina) – adult with brood, 4 July 2005, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – two adults carrying food and fecal sac, 13 August 2006, South St. Ext., Middlebury, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BOREAL CHICKADEE (Poecile hudsonica) – one, 3 January 2006, Hill Shadow Farm Rd., Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kim and John Likakis

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (Sphyrapicus varius) – one adult male, 22 February 2006, East Warren Store, Warren, Washington Cty., Pat Folsom. Photograph.

GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis) – one, 11 January 2006, Riverside Dr., Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Alex Jones.

AMERICAN PIPIT (Anthus rubescens) – one, 8 January 2006, Sunset at Carr, Addison, Addison Cty., A. Strong, T.G. Murin.

CAPE MAY WARBLER (Dendroica tigrina) – one first fall male, 24 November 2005 thru 27 April 2006, Curtis Ave., Rutland, Rutland Cty., Fred Bates, Sue and Marvin Elliott, m.ob. Photographs.

SCARLET TANAGER (Piranga olivacea) – one male, 13 November 2005, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

HYBRIDS, ESCAPES, ETC.

RINGED TURTLE DOVE (Streptopelia risoria) – one, 12 December 2005, Grassy Brook Rd., Brookline, Windham Cty., Chris Petrak, Hector Galbraith. An escape.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator) – three sub-adults, 27 April 2006, Little Hosmer Pond, Craftsbury, Cty., Not enough detail, especially of the bills.

AMERICAN BITTERN (Botaurus lentiginosus) – two, 15 December 2005, Jericho, Chittenden Cty., Does not rule out young Black-crowned Night-heron.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 13 May 2006, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Insufficient description.

KITTIWAKE SP – one, 23 April 2006, West Glover, Orleans Cty., Details do not match kittiwake.

BARN OWL (Tyto alba) – one, 10 January 2006, Bliss Rd., Woodbury, Washington Cty., The vote was 3-3 on this report. Those voting against it cited insufficient details but urged observer to try to locate it again to check for eye color.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one male, 11 May 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Needs a description of the bird.

SEDGE WREN (C. platensis) – one male, 14 July 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Needs a description of the bird.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (Euphagus carolinus) – one nesting, 20 April 2006, Shrewsbury, Rutland Cty., Needs a better description of the bird.

HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) – one, 20 December 2005, West Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Insufficient details.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) – one, 21 January 2006, Huntington,
Chittenden Cty., Insufficient details.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

2007 DECISIONS

FIRST STATE RECORDS

BARNACLE GOOSE (Branta leucopsis) - one adult, 25 & 28 March 2007, banks of Connecticut River upstream of Vernon Dam, Vernon, Windham Cty. Terrance M. Wright, Dwight L. Cargill, Chris Petrak, Taj Shottland. Photographs. Four prior reports of this species dated 5/90,4/96,10/96, and 10/98 are on file, all accepted as "origin unknown". Other Records Committees in New England are now accepting Barnacle Geese as wild birds if they pass through at standard migration times in the company of other migrating geese and if there is no evidence that they were captive.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (Limosa limosa) – one, 29,30 April 2007, Creek Road, West Salisbury, Addison Cty., Patricia Folsom, Carl Bates, Neal Harrington, Bill Martin, Nancy Perlee, Warren King, Hector Galbraith and m.ob. Photographs.

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER (Melanerpes lewis) – one adult, 6-8 June 2007, Kate St., Lyndonville, Caledonia Cty., Paul Therrien, Rose LaPoint. Photographs.

FIRST STATE NESTING RECORDS

BALD EAGLE (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) – an adult pair constructed nest, laid at least one egg, hatched chick in both 2006 and 2007. In both years the chick was predated or died prior to fledging. Herrick's Upper Meadows, Rockingham, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith, C. Petrak, Don Clark. Photographs.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT (Phasianus colchicus) – one hen with many precocial young, 8 September 2007, West Rd., Panton, Addison Cty., Thomas Ford-Hutchinson, Mike Lester. Photograph.

SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis) - adult pair nested and hatched one chick in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Only the chick in 2007 survived to fledge. Addison Cty., E.J. Elithorpe, Randy and Cathy Durand, Mark and Melanie Backus, Theodore G. Murin, Steve Parren. Photographs.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

CAKCLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – one, as to species only, 3 October 2006, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith. Fourth State Record.

CAKCLING GOOSE (B.hutchinsii) – one, 15 October 2006, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., T.M. Wright, D.L. Cargill. Photograph. Fifth State Record. Although subspecific identity was suggested, the Committee only accepted the record at the level of species.

TUFTED DUCK (Aythya fuligula) – one adult male, 25 February 2007, Colchester causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., Allan Strong, T.G. Murin. Eighth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (*A. fuligula*) – one adult male, 5 March 2007, Allan Point, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., Roger J. Masse. Ninth State Record. Possibly the same individual as in the previous record.

TUFTED DUCK (*A. fuligula*) – one adult male, 31 March 2007, Champlain Bridge, West Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Steve Antell, Nancy Brown, Henry Wilton. Tenth State Record.

KING EIDER (*Somateria spectabilis*) – one male, first winter plumage, 11-17 November 2006, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., David J. Hoag, Richard B. Lavalley, Denny Abbott. Illustrations. Tenth State Record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one adult in breeding plumage, 27 September 2007, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, R.B. Lavalley. Seventh State Record.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (*Picoides tridactylus*) – one male, 9 December 2006, Moose Bog Inlet, Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., T.G. Murin, Rosalind Renfrew, Nate Zalik. Photographs. Seventh State Record.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (*P. tridactylus*) – one male, 14 January 2007, Moose Bog, Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., Henry Trombley. Disk. Eighth State Record. Possibly the same individual as in the previous report.

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) – one male, 4 June 2007, Blush Hill, Waterbury, Washington Cty., Allan Thompson. Third State Record.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one adult, 21 April 2007, Connecticut River, Vernon, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith.

LEAST BITTERN (*Ixobrychus exilis*) – two males, 7 July 2007, Vernon, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – one adult, 20 July 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., T.M. Wright. Photograph.

EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL (*Anas crecca crecca*) – one adult male, 9-10 April 2007, Herrick's Cove, Rockingham, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith, D. Clark, T. Schottland. Photograph.

COMMON EIDER (*Somateria mollissima*) – one female, 21 October 2006, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., A. Strong.

COMMON EIDER (*S. mollissima*) – one first winter male, 5 November 2006, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (Histrionicus histrionicus) – one adult male, 22 November 2006, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.M. Wright, D.L. Cargill, T.G. Murin, R.B. Lavallee. Photographs.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (H. histrionicus) – one male, 18 January 2007, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., H. Trombley, Bruce McPherson. Possibly the same individual as in the previous record.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 20 May 2006, Buckner Nature Preserve, West Haven, Rutland Cty., Michael Blust, Jim Graves.

BLACK VULTURE (C. atratus) – two, 30 September 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., T. Schottland, D. Clark, Kai Reed. Photograph.

BLACK VULTURE (C. atratus) – two, 17 April 2007, Vernon, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (Picoides arcticus) – one male, 27 May 2007, Long Pond, Greensboro, Orleans Cty., Dorothy Allard, Bill Martin. Photograph.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata) – one, 17 May 2007, Pittsford, Rutland Cty., Andrea Burke.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (V. celata celata) – one, 23 May 2007, Dorset Heights, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., Scott Morrical.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteria virens) – one, 20 September 2006, Charlotte Park, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.M. Wright, D.L. Cargill.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (I. virens) – one, 30 July 2007, Tyler Hill Rd., Vernon, Windham Cty., Judy Farley.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one, 28 May thru 4 July 2007, Isle La Motte, Grand Isle Cty., John and Betty Abair. Photograph.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – one, 4 October 2006, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., C. Petrak, H. Galbraith.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (A. nelsoni) – one adult, 30 September 2007, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Craig Provost, Sally Fellows, Terry Marron, James Osborne.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (A. nelsoni) – one, 1 October 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (A. nelsoni) – one, 11 October 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., H. Galbraith.

DARK-EYED JUNCO (Junco hyemalis oregonus) - Oregon population – one adult male, 4-5 March 2007, Culver Hill Rd., Middlesex, Washington Cty., Susan Darrah, Dennis Darrah, Liz Scharf. Photographs.

NOTABLE NESTING RECORDS

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus) – one nesting pair plus three other adults, 2-4 May 2007; one young bird seen in the nest, 8 June 2007, Burlington Country Club golf course, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong. Map.

CERULEAN WARBLER (Dendroica cerulea) – two adults, male and female, building a nest, 27 May 2007, Little Brigham Hill, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, S. Parren, Rick Renaud, Dan Renaud, Nate Zalick, Travis Collingwood.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (Loxia leucoptera) – one female carrying nesting material, 23 January 2007, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., T.G. Murin.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (L. leucoptera) – one female carrying nesting material, 24 March 2007, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., S. Antell.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax auritus) – one, 11 January 2007, Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Rutland Cty., Roy Pilcher.

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER (Pluvialis dominica) – one, 24 May 2007, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Ronald Payne.

DUNLIN/CURLEW SANDPIPER (Calidris sp) – one, 30 December 2006, Hinesburg, Chittenden Cty., Paul Wiczorek.

EASTERN PHOEBE (Sayornis phoebe) – one, 17 December 2006, Tromp's Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

EASTERN PHOEBE (S. phoebe) – one, 9 January 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., T. Schottland.

MARSH WREN (Cistothorus palustris) – two, 18 November 2006, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Cty., R. Pilcher, Susan Elliott et al.

MARSH WREN (C. palustris) – one, 22 November 2006, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., T.M. Wright, D.L. Cargill. Photograph.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET (Regulus calendula) – three, Route 100, 16 December 2006, Londonderry, Windham Cty., Julia M. Nicholson, Elizabeth F. Gilbert.

EASTERN TOWHEE (Pipilo erythrophthalmus) – one male, 9 January 2007, Messer Hill Rd., Plymouth, Windsor Cty., Elaine Gambone. Photograph.

EASTERN TOWHEE (P. erythrophthalmus) – one female, 23 January 2007, Upper Taylor Hill, Winhall, Bennington Cty., Darlene and Ernie Palola.

VESPER SPARROW (Pooecetes gramineus) – two, 17 December 2006, Fay Hill, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

FOX SPARROW (Passerella iliaca) – one, 20&26 January 2007, Meadowbrook Rd., Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Leonora and Victor Howe.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

GREAT CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax carbo) – one, 6 October 2006, Quaker Smith Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty. White patch could have been a band which is common on Double-Crested Cormorants on Lake Champlain and can be initially misleading. Other field marks lacking, no size contrast with Double-crested Cormorant.

CAKCLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – two, 25 March 2007, Connecticut River, Vernon, Windham Cty. Photograph. Size of birds in photograph is unclear.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 15 April 2007, Williston, Chittenden Cty. Not enough details, poor light.

BLACK VULTURE (C. atratus) – one, 5 June 2007, Brattleboro, Windham Cty. Insufficient description.

MONK PARAKEET (Myiopsitta monachus) – one, 20 August 2007, Middlebury, Addison Cty. Insufficient description.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (Surnia ulula) – one, 18 June 2007, Chester, Windsor Cty. No description of the bird, description of call suggests an accipiter or American Kestrel.

HERMIT THRUSH (Catharus guttatus) – one, 10 February 2007, Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty. Not enough details.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteria virens) – one, 23 May 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty. Details inconclusive.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

DECISIONS - 1 NOVEMBER 2008

Vermont Bird Records Committee Members present and voting were Hector Galbraith, Julie Hart, Dick Lavallee, Judy Peterson, Allan Strong, and Sue Wetmore.

FIRST STATE RECORD

BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – one, 17 October 2003, Kellogg Bay, Lake Champlain, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., Peter J. Muscatello, Bill Parker. Photographed from a duck blind next to some Canada Goose decoys.

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

ARCTIC LOON (*Gavia arctica*) – one adult in non-breeding plumage, 5-6 November 2007, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., David J. Hoag, Theodore G. Murin, Larry D. Haugh. Three independent reports, two with sketches. All field marks were convincingly described. The Committee unanimously decided to withhold full First State Record Status for the following reasons:

- The extreme rarity of the species – never before documented off the east coast- encourages a conservative approach, especially without photographs.
- An obvious Pacific Loon with a white flank patch was recently observed off New England
- Young Pacific Loons have been seen without chin straps
- Differentiation of *arctica* and *pacifica* is still somewhat fluid. The Committee would like to revisit this sighting after more information becomes available in the scientific literature.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

ACKLING GOOSE (*Branta hutchinsii*) – one, 29 March 2008, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., Nancy A. Brown. Photographs. Seventh State Record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) – one third winter, 22 March 2008, on the ice, Kellogg Bay, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Steve Antell. Seventh State Record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) – one dark juvenile, 6 September 2008, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Eighth State Record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*S. longicaudus*) – one juvenile, 7 September 2008, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Craig Provost, Jim Mead, James Osborne. Ninth State Record.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (*S. longicaudus*) – one pale morph juvenile, 17 September 2008, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin et al. Tenth State Record.

DOVEKIE (*Alle alle*) – one, 7 November 2007, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Richard B. Lavallee, Denny Abbott. Fourth State Record.

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*) – feathers recovered outside nest box, 18 September 2008, Champlain Valley, Addison Cty., Rodney Olsen. Photograph.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (Picoides tridactylus) - one male, 5 January 2008, Moose Bog, Ferdinand, Essex Cty., Stephen Cramer, Bob Heiser. Photograph. Ninth State Record.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER (P. tridactylus) – one female, 10 February 2008, Lost Nation Rd., Berkshire, Franklin Cty., Russ Ford, Sterling Ford. Tenth State Record.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (Dendroica dominica) – one, 7 September 2008, Red Rocks Park, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., Scott Morrival. Tenth State Record.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

TUFTED DUCK (Aythya fuligula) – one male, 20 February 2008, the causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., James Mead. Photographs.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (Histrionicus histrionicus) – one male, 2 December 2007, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., James E. Osborne III.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (H. histrionicus) – one adult male and one 1st winter male, 20 January 2008, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., J.Mead. Photographs.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one adult, 19 April 2008, Interstate 91, Weathersfield, Windsor Cty., John Lloyd. Accepted 5-1.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (Tryngites subruficollis) – one, 14 September 2008, DCWMA, Rt. 17, Addison, Addison Cty., Brendan Collins, Henry Trombley.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (Larus ridibundus) – one, 27 August 2008, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., J.Mead.

GREAT GRAY OWL (Strix nebulosa) – one, 25 March 2008, Summit St., Burlington, Chittenden Cty., Marshall and Sue London, T.G. Murin, m.ob. Photograph.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (Vireo griseus) – one singing male, 28 May 2008, Maple St., Brandon, Rutland Cty., Sue Wetmore, Marv & Sue Elliott, Marsha Booker.

CAVE SWALLOW or CLIFF SWALLOW (Petrochelidon sp.) – one, 23 November 2007, Lake St., Bridport, Addison Cty., Michael H. Blust, Barry Blust. No positive ID was made. Committee felt it would more likely be a Cave at this late date, but without additional details on head plumage the bird could not be identified to species.

GRAY-CHEEKED or BICKNELL'S THRUSH (Catharus minimus or C. bicknelli) – two, 24 September 2008, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, Chittenden Cty., J.E. Osborne III. Species not safely distinguishable from each other in the field without vocalizations.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata) – one, 10 May 2008, Coventry, Orleans Cty., Jeanne Prue, Bill Prue. Accepted 5-1.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (V. celata) – one, 18 May 2008, Bristol, Addison Cty., Henry Trombley.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) – one, 11 October 2007, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Hector Galbraith.

HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) - one, 23 December 2007, Waitsfield, Washington Cty., Patricia Folsom, Terry Wright.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) - two, 20 January 2008, Walden, Caledonia Cty., Robert Lyons. Photographs.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) – one, 7 February 2008, Lyndonville, Caledonia Cty., Thomas Berriman.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) – one, 23 February 2008, Reading, Windsor Cty., Kenneth M. Cox. Photographs.

NOTABLE NESTING RECORDS

AMERICAN WIGEON (Anas americana) - female and 6 small ducklings, 29 June 2008, Goodrich Corners Rd., Addison, Addison Cty., Nancy A. Brown. Photographs.

CERULEAN WARBLER (Dendroica cerulea) – two or three adult males, one carrying food, 13 June 2008, Snake Mtn. Bridport, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) – three adults, including one pair carrying food, 21 June 2008, S. Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (Icterus spurius) – two adults, nest with young, 11 May 2008 thru 22 June 2008, Farrell Access, Addison, Addison Cty., N.A. Brown. Photographs.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

ROSS'S GOOSE (Chen rossii) – one adult, 3 March 2008, Greenbush Rd., Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., Alan Keitt.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax auritus) – one, 16 February 2008, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Eve Ticknor.

AMERICAN BITTERN (Botaurus lentiginosus) – one, 8 January 2008, Lake Carmi, Franklin, Franklin Cty., Russ Ford, Sterling Ford.

OVENBIRD (Seiurus aurocapilla) – one, 1 November 2007, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Benjamin Griffin.

CHIPPING SPARROW (Spizella passerina) – one, 28 December 2006, Pomfret, Windsor Cty., Katherine L. Olgati. Accepted 5-1.

UNUSUAL LOCATION

BOREAL CHICKADEE (Poecile hudsonica) – one, 13 March 2008, Newfane/Wardsboro, Windham Cty., Chris Petrak, Philip and June Dibble. Photographs.

ACCEPTED AS RELEASE OR ESCAPEE

COMMON CRANE (Grus grus) – one, 10 June 1991, Whiting, Addison Cty., Roy and Ruth Pilcher, Nancy Martin, mob. Photographs.

RINGED TURTLE DOVE (Streptopelia risoria) – one, 3 July 2008, Montpelier, Washington Cty., Dan and Jaye Lindner. Photographs.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator) – one, 13 April 1985, Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Rutland Cty., Photograph. The Committee determined as it had before that this bird was a Mute Swan because of pattern of black on the face, pink on the bill and brownish color on the neck.

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL (Oceanites oceanicus) – one, 21 October 2007, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Does not conclusively indicate storm-petrel; does not rule out Leach's or Band-rumped. Late date for Wilson's, white flanks curious, flight pattern inconsistent with descriptive of Wilson's.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 8 April 2008, Bennington, Bennington Cty., Vote to not accept 5-1. Doesn't preclude Turkey Vulture; not enough detail provided

LITTLE GULL (Larus minutus) – one, 13 May 2008, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Vote to not accept 5-1. Very distant, no description of shape of secondary bars, carpal bars or head pattern.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (Stercorarius longicaudus) – one immature, 21 October 2007, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Vote to not accept 5-1. Too far away to see details well, such as white on upper primaries; light head could also indicate Parasitic Jaeger; no description of breast or tail.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL (Surnia ulula) – one, 26 June 2008, Chester, Windsor Cty., No description of the bird. Description of vocalizations inconsistent with this species.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (Vireo griseus) – one, 28 July 2005, Thetford, Orange Cty., Vote to not accept 5-1. Not enough detail, doesn't mention yellow spectacles, couldn't see whole body.

SWAINSON'S WARBLER (Limnothlypis swainsonii) – one, 16 May 2008, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Cty. Seen from a boat without binoculars; latitude, habitat and description with the exception of breast suggest waterthrush.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteria virens) – one, 9 December 2007, Burlington, Chittenden Cty. Vote to not accept 4-2. Not enough detail; does not rule out several other species.

HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) – one, 3 January 2008, Saxton's River, Rockingham, Windham Cty. Not enough detail provided, bright red chest indicative of Common Redpoll, no discussion of undertail coverts.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) – two, 6 March 2008, Fairfield, Franklin Cty. Does not show how this bird differed from Common Redpoll.

Note: Dissenting votes above were cast by various committee members.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

2009 DECISIONS

FIRST STATE RECORDS

THICK-BILLED MURRE (*Uria lomvia*) – one, 23 November 1950, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Robert McBride. Photographs of this specimen taken at Headquarters of Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area by Theodore G. Murin.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus forficatus*) – one adult, 9 May 2009, Arlington, Bennington Co., Barbara Powers, Paul Beaulieu, Lynn Bondurant, John Whalen. Photographs.

CAVE SWALLOW (*Petrochelidon fulva*) – one, 15-16 November 2008, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Heidi Rich, Craig Provost, T.G. Murin, m.ob. Photographs.

LE CONTE'S SPARROW (*Ammodramus leconteii*) – one, 17 October 2009, Pittsford, Rutland Co., T.G. Murin, Craig Provost, Allan Strong. Photographs.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) – one adult in breeding plumage, 13 April 2009, Orwell, Addison Co., Marlene and Norton Latourelle, Ernest Franzgrote, m.ob. Photographs.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

THICK-BILLED MURRE (*Uria lomvia*) – one, first winter female, 2 December 1950, Winooski River, Middlesex, VT, Washington Co., Philip Bruce. Photographs of this specimen taken at Headquarters of Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area by Theodore G. Murin. Second State Record.

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one in basic plumage, 8 November 2008, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Thomas Ford-Hutchinson, Mike Lester. Fourth State Record. Sketches.

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – one adult, 17 May 2009, Berlin Pond, Berlin, Washington Co., Bryan Pfeiffer. Seventh State Record.

WHITE-WINGED TERN (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) – one, 19 August 2009, Lake Carmi, Franklin, Franklin Co., Sue Wetmore. Second State Record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) – one, 5 November 2008, Addison, Addison Co., Rodney Olsen. Photograph at banding station. Tenth State Record.

SAY'S PHOEBE (Sayornis saya) – one, 8 September 2009, South Royalton, Royalton, Windsor Co., Kyle Jones. Photograph. Third State Record.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (Tyrannus forficatus) – one, 12 May 2009, West Rutland, Rutland Co., Susan Elliott (first observed by Jon and Kathleen Houghton) Photographs. Second State Record. Determined (by plumage) to be a different individual from the Arlington bird listed above as a First State Record.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (Helmitheros vermivorum) – one, 7 September 2009, Strafford, Orange Co., Jeff Miller. Ninth State Record.

SUMMER TANAGER (Piranga rubra) – one first spring male, 21 April 2009, North Hartland, Windsor Co., Joe and Alice Bliven. Photograph. Third State Record.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (Anser albifrons) – one immature, 8 December 2008, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., Bruce MacPherson.

CAACKLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – two, 4 November 2008, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., T.G.Murin, Jim Mead. Photograph.

EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL (Anas crecca crecca) – one adult male, 19 April 2009, Rockingham, Windham Co., Kenneth Cox. Photographs.

KING EIDER (Somateria spectabilis) – one immature, 19 November 2008, East Creek, Orwell, Addison Co., Hank Fish, Larry Fusco, Carl Machia. Photographs.

GREAT CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax carbo) – one immature, 29 December 2008, Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., Mae Mayville, Bill Mayville. Photograph.

GREAT CORMORANT (P. carbo) – one immature, 1 September 2009, Lake St. Catherine, Wells, Rutland Co., Charlie Seaver. Photographs.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) – one adult, 19 April 2009, West Fairlee, Orange Co., Jennifer Davey, David Fisk. Photograph.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 14 October 2008, Brattleboro, Windham Co., Jon Atwood, Polly Pattison.

BLACK VULTURE (C. atratus) – two, 24 October 2008, Bristol, Addison Co., Bryan Pfeiffer. Photographs.

BLACK VULTURE (C. atratus) – two, 28 October 2008, Bristol, Addison Co., T.G.Murin.

BLACK VULTURE (C. atratus) – six, 1 April 2009, Waterbury, Washington Co., Rhonda Mace.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) – one adult, 21 June 2009, Danby, Rutland Co., Nancy A. Brown.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) – one immature, dark morph – 20 December 2008, Champlain Valley. Larry Scacchetti.

BARN OWL (Tyto alba) – one, 26 May 2009, Addison, Addison Co., Rodney Olsen. Photograph.

NORTHERN HAWK OWL – (Surnia ulula) – one, 5 January 2009, Eden, Lamoille Co., Charlotte Bill, Allan Strong, m.ob. Photograph.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes erythrocephalus) – one immature, 30 November 2008, Bloomfield, Essex Co., Barbara C. Walling. Photograph.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (M. erythrocephalus) – one adult, 18 July 2009, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Solon and Hira Rhode. Photographs.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (Vireo griseus) – one singing male, 24 April 2009, Rochester, Windsor Co., Matthew Davis.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one, 1 July 2009, Orwell, Addison Co., Allan Strong.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis) – one, 15 September 2009, Middlebury, Addison Co., Stephen Trombulak, m.ob. Photograph.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteria virens) – one, 17 May 2009, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Anne Hunter.

NELSON'S SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – one, 4 October 2008, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., T.G.Murin.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one, 1 December 2008, Brandon, Rutland Co., Sue Wetmore.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

LONG-EARED OWL (Asio otus) – pair with young, 25 June 2009, Williston, Chittenden Co., Shelley Forrest, Carl Runge. Photographs.

OUT-OF-SEASON RECORDS

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (Buteo lineatus) – one adult, 4 January 2009, New Haven, Addison Co., Brendan Collins.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (Vireo philadelphicus) – one, 31 October 2008, Waitsfield, Washington Co., Patricia Folsom.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (Icterus galbula) – one adult, 8 December 2008, Colchester, Chittenden Co., Raymond and Tina Plante, Bonita Dundas. Photograph.

REPORTS OF EXOTICS, ESCAPES, RELEASES

BAR-HEADED GOOSE (Anser indicus) – one, 18 April 2009, Brattleboro, Windham Co., Chris Petrak. Photographs.

RINGED TURTLE DOVE (Streptopelia risoria) – one, 3 July 2008, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., Karen L. Taylor, Pamela A. Taylor. Photographs.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

GREYLAG GOOSE (Anser anser) – one, 27 December 2008, Clarendon, Rutland Co., Photographs. A domestic goose with some Greylag genes.

CAACKLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – one, 19 October 2008, Brattleboro, Windham Co., More likely a Lesser Canada.

CAACKLING GOOSE (B. hutchinsii) – five, 24 October 2008, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., Insufficient details.

MISSISSIPPI KITE (Ictinia mississippiensis) – one, 18 March 2009, Corinth, Orange Co., Describes some very compelling field marks, but not enough to rise to the level needed for a first state record. No backup documentation or photograph.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) – one, 8 July 2009, Cornwall, Addison Co., Photograph shows a probable Northern Harrier.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) – one, 15 January 1976, Waitsfield, Washington Co., Insufficient details.

YELLOW RAIL (Coturnicops noveboracensis) – one, 28 March 2009, West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland, Rutland Co., Taped vocalization was not deemed to be adequate for identification.

FORSTER'S TERN (Sterna forsteri) – one, 1 November 2008, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., Viewing distance too great to see adequate details.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH (Catharus bicknelli) – one, 29 April 2009, Weathersfield, Windsor Co., Very early for this species. Difficult to identify in the field, not singing.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis) – one, 26 August 2009, Norwich, Windsor Co., Needs to describe a complete eye ring.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

2010 DECISIONS

FIRST STATE RECORDS

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (Elanoides forficatus) – one, 26 May 1983, Middlebury, Addison Cty., Betty L. Rist, Marlene P. Dawson. Two reports with drawings. Previously accepted by the VBRC on 9/11/83 and now judged to meet the requirements for First State Record. The report of this species by Anne Aversa and Barbara DeAngelis from Washington, Orange Cty., 3/28/86 and accepted by the VBRC on 9/13/86 is now the Second State Record. The committee voted not to accept an historical record from 1913. There had been no committee action on the 1913 record, which was published in Fortner et al. (1933) with no documentation.

ATLANTIC PUFFIN (Fratercula arctica) – one immature, 8-9 December 1960, Cold River Road, Rutland, Rutland Cty., Marshall Fish. Confirmation of identification based on a photograph in the Rutland Daily Herald of 12/10/60 and a write up by Allen H. Benton in the *Wilson Bulletin* 7/19/61. There had been no committee action on this record. A subsequent Second State Record was of a bird observed on the Burlington waterfront by Robert D. Scott 11/27/03, which was accepted by the committee 11/6/2004.

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE (Streptopelia decaocto) – one, 25 November 2009, Norwich, Windsor Cty., John and Dianne Dunne, Spencer Hardy, Doug Hardy, m.ob. over several weeks. Definitive photographs by John Dunne.

FIRST STATE NESTING RECORD

FORSTER'S TERN (Sterna forsteri) – two adults, one juv., 2 and 12 July 2010, Popasquash Is., Lake Champlain, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., Mark LaBarr, Laura Sears, Theodore G. Murin, Andrew Webbe. Photographs by Sears. Seventh State Record.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

PACIFIC LOON (Gavia pacifica) – one adult, basic plumage, 23 October 2009, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Richard Lavalley, James E. Osborn, David J. Hoag, Fifth State Record.

PACIFIC LOON (G. pacifica) – one adult, basic plumage, 1 November 2009, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, J.E. Osborn. Sixth State Record.

PACIFIC LOON (G. pacifica) – one adult molting out of breeding plumage, 1 November 2009, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, J.E. Osborn, R. Lavalley, et al. Photographs. Seventh State Record.

PACIFIC LOON (*G. pacifica*) – one adult, basic plumage, 23 October 2010, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., J.E. Osborn, Tyler Pockette. Eighth State Record.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*) – three adults, 30 April 2005, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., Terry Bronson. Fifth State Record.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*N. violacea*) – one adult, 18 July 2010, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton, Franklin Cty., J. Eddy Edwards, Judy Sefchick-Edwards. Sixth State Record.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*N. violacea*) – one immature, 25 July 2010, Middlebury, Addison Cty., Dottie and Eric Nelson. Photograph. Seventh State Record.

IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnea*) – one adult, 19-20 February 2010, Lake Champlain, Alburg, Grand Isle Cty., Pat Jones, T.G. Murin et al. Photographs. Third State Record.

THAYER'S GULL (*Larus thayeri*) – one third winter, 26 December 2009, Burlington waterfront, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Heidi Rich. Photographs. Second State Record. Accepted pending further committee review should more scientific information regarding taxonomy and identification become available.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*) – one, 11-12 December 2009, Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., Allan Strong, Roy Pilcher, Nancy Brown et al. Photographs. Eighth State Record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*L. fuscus*) – three adults, 11 March 2010, Oven Bay, Lake Champlain, Addison, Addison Cty., Dwight Cargill, T.G. Murin. Photographs. Ninth State Record.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*L. fuscus*) – one, 18 March 2010, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., Henry Trombley. Tenth State Record.

HOODED WARBLER (*Wilsonia citrina*) – one singing male, 21-23 May 2010, UVM Research Forest, Jericho, Chittenden Cty., A. Strong, Scott Schwenk, T.G. Murin et al. Photographs. Second State Record.

BLUE GROSBEAK (*Passerina caerulea*) – two, 16-17 October 2010, Vernon, Windham Cty., David Johnston et al. Photographs. Sixth State Record.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – one immature, 16 August 2010, Cabot, Washington Cty., Craig Provost. Photographs.

WILLET (Tringa semipalmatus) – one, 28 May 2010, Brilyea Access, DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin.

NORTHERN HAWK-OWL (Surnia ulula) – one, 11 November 2009, Derby, Orleans Cty., Michael Cosgrove. Photograph.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one, 8 October 2010, Victory, Essex Cty., R. Pilcher..

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one, 22 December 2009, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., R. Lavalley, D. Cargill, Jim Mead, m.ob. Photographs.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (Eughagus carolinus) – male and female at nest, 16 June 2010, Victory Basin WMA, Victory, Essex Cty., R. Pilcher, Susan and Marvin Elliott, Mary Lou Webster. Photographs.

OUT-OF-SEASON RECORDS

RUDDY DUCK (Oxyura jamaicensis) – two adult males, 31 July 2010, Brilyea Access, DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Ruth W. Stewart et al. Photographs.

GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis) – one, 12 December 2009, Rutland, Rutland Cty., S. Elliott.

GRAY CATBIRD (D. carolinensis) – one, 31 March 2010, West Rutland Marsh, Rutland Cty., S. and M. Elliott.

REPORTS OF EXOTICS, ESCAPES, RELEASES

RUDDY SHELDUCK (Tadorna ferruginea) – one female, 5 November 2009, McKinley Ave., Rutland Town, Rutland Cty., Andrea Burke. First of this species reported in Vermont. Assumed to be an escapee.

RUDDY SHELDUCK (T. ferruginea) – one adult male, 30 May 2010, Shelburne Pond, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin. Photograph. Assumed to be an escapee.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

ANHINGA (Anhinga anhinga) – one soaring, 30 May 2010, South Woodbury, Washington Cty., Does not rule out cormorant.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (Elanoides forficatus) – one, 26 April 1913, Waitsfield, Washington Cty., Not enough details for a First State Record.

KING RAIL (Rallus elegans) – one, August 1961, DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Sight record only. No description of the bird.

KING RAIL (R. elegans) – one, September 1962, DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Entry in Robert N. Spear, *Birds of Vermont*, now thought to be an error.

KING RAIL (R. elegans) – one, 17-18 May 1994, DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty. Description of vocalization only. A tape of the call was lost by the VBRC. Without the tape this potential First State Record should not be accepted.

VEERY (Catharus fuscescens) – one singing male, 8 April 2010, Hartland Four Corners, Windsor Cty., Song only and not adequately described. Does not rule out other thrushes.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW (Melospiza lincolni) – one, out-of-season, 26 March 2010, Northwood Park, Rutland, Rutland Cty. Photographs. Species of sparrow not determined. Thought perhaps to be Swamp Sparrow.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT – 29 OCTOBER 2011

FIRST STATE RECORDS

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL (Oceanodroma castro) – one, picked up dead 29 August 2011 in Hartland, Windsor Cty. by Kenneth Moeller and brought to VINS. This Committee was able to examine the specimen at its meeting. The original tentative identification of Wilson's Storm-Petrel was later corrected upon closer inspection. The specimen will be archived at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. Changes to this species' taxonomy are expected, so we hope to receive more information about the subspecific identity of this specimen to enable us to maintain consistency with subsequent revisions to the AOU checklist. First State Record. Photographs and specimen.

MARbled GODWIT (Limosa fedoa) – two, 30 May 2011, Connecticut River, Norwich, Windsor Cty. Spencer and Doug Hardy, George Clark. First State Record. Photographs.

SLATY-BACKED GULL (Larus schistisagus) – one third year, 9 January 2011, near Sandbar Causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty. Theodore G. Murin, Allan Strong, David Hoag, Jim Mead. First State Record. Photographs.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

PACIFIC LOON (Gavia pacifica) – two adults in breeding plumage, 30 October 2010, Lake Champlain off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., TG Murin, James Osborn. Ninth State Record.

PACIFIC LOON (G. pacifica) – one adult in basic plumage, 22 October 2011, Lake Champlain off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., TG Murin, J.Osborn, Craig Provost, J. Mead. Tenth State Record.

EARED GREBE (Podiceps nigricollis) – one adult in breeding plumage, 22 April 1984, Leicester Jct., Addison Cty., Sue Wetmore, Joe and Betty Barbarise. Second State Record.

HYDROBATID PETREL (family Hydrobatidae) – one, 28 August 2011, South Strafford, Strafford, Orange Cty., John Lloyd..

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (Pelecanus erythrorhynchos) – one, 31 May 2011, Kent Pond, Killington, Rutland Cty., Sue and Marvin Elliott. Seventh State Record. Photograph.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE (Anser brachyrhynchus) – one, 2 April 2011, Allen's Marsh, Westminster, Windham Cty., Don Clark, Taj Schottland, Martha Adams, JoAnne Russo. Second Hypothetical State Record. Photographs. The bird was identified in New Hampshire, was tracked flying into Vermont but not confirmed from the ground because of encroaching darkness.

KING RAIL OR CLAPPER RAIL (Rallus elegans or Rallus longirostris) – one heard calling, 17-18 May 1994, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Scott Morrical, TG Murin, Would be First State Record for King Rail or Second State Record for Clapper Rail.

LAUGHING GULL (Leucophaeus atricilla) – one in non-breeding plumage, 20 September 2011, Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Rutland Cty., Roy W. Pilcher. Eighth State Record. Photograph.

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus) – two, 20 November 2010, Bridport, Addison Cty., Ian A. Worley. Sixth State Record away from Burlington.

FISH CROW (C.ossifragus) – one, 12 March 2011, Cornwall, Addison Cty., IA Worley, Scott Sainsbury, Patti Haynes, Alison Wagner, Patricia Folsom. Seventh State Record away from Burlington.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (Myadestes townsendi) - one, 15 April 2011, Newport, Orleans Cty., Don Hendrich. Second State Record.

HOODED WARBLER (Wilsonia citrina) – one singing male – 11 May 2011, Union Village Dam, Thetford Center, Orange Cty., Sara Eisenhauer. Third State Record.

HARRIS'S SPARROW (Zonotrichia querula) – one first winter, 24 September 2011, Thetford, Orange Cty., Bob Heitzman. Third State Record. Sketch.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (Z. atricapilla) – one adult in breeding plumage, 1 May 2011, Norwich, Windsor Cty., Spencer and Doug Hardy, m ob. Second State Record. Photograph.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

PACIFIC LOON (Gavia pacifica) – one, 22 October 2011, Lake Champlain off Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., J.Osborn, J.Mead, C.Provost.

NORTHERN GANNET (Morus bassanus) – one adult, 29 August 2011, Hartland, Windsor Cty., Guy Crosby, S. Eisenhauer. Brought to VINS, but subsequently died. Photograph.

LEAST BITTERN (Ixobrychus exilis) – one, 29 September 2011, Bristol Pond, Bristol, Addison Cty., Elizabeth Lee.

COMMON EIDER (Somateria mollissima) – one, 22 May 2011, Dewey's Mill Pond, Hartford, Windsor Cty., S. Eisenhauer. Photograph.

SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis) – one, 3 January 2011, Hawkins Rd. Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., Mike Palombo. Photographs.

RED KNOT (Calidris canutus) – one adult in breeding plumage, 27 May 2011, South Slang, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., J.Mead, J.Osborn, IA Worley. Photographs.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (Larus fuscus) – one adult, 10-11 November 2010, Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., TG Murin, C.Provost. Photographs.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (L. fuscus) – one adult in breeding plumage, 6 April 2011, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., TG Murin. Photographs.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes erythrocephalus) - one adult, 3 July 2011, Reading, Windsor Cty., Marie Levesque Caduto, Michael Caduto.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (M. erythrocephalus) – one adult, 17 September 2011, Whitney Creek, Addison, Addison Cty., J.Mead.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (Vireo griseus) – one, 17 September 2011, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., J.Mead.

VARIED THRUSH (Ixoreus naevius) – one, 19 and 24 December 2010, Bolton, Chittenden Cty., Don and June Kenney, P. Folsom, C.Provost et al. Photograph.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis) – two, 30 September 2011, Williston, Chittenden Cty., J.Mead.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (O. agilis) - one, 2 October 2011, Rutland Town, Rutland Cty., S.Elliott, M.Elliott.

NELSON'S SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – one, 23 May 2011, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Noah Perlut. Photographed in the hand.

SAVANNAH (IPSWICH) SPARROW (Passerculus sandwichensis) – one, 4 December 2010, Brandon, Rutland Cty., S.Wetmore. Accepted only to species.

RARE NESTING SPECIES

BARN OWL (Tyto alba) – Evidence of breeding (one successful, one unknown) at two sites, 5 August 2011, Addison County, Rodney Olsen.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – two carrying food to nestsite, 18-19 June 2011. South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., TG Murin, S.Morrical, Hank Kaestner, Kristin Catrano. Photographs.

OUT-OF-SEASON SIGHTINGS

BRANT (Branta bernicla) – one, 24 July 2011, Brilyea Access of Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., C.Provost, TG Murin.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (Sphyrapicus varius) – one, 20,21,27 December 2010, Brandon, Rutland Cty., S.Wetmore.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (S. varius) – one, 20 February 2011, Bennington, Bennington Cty., Bonita and Scott Dundas.

PINE WARBLER (Setophaga pinus) – one, 8 February 2011, Putney, Windham Cty., David Moon, H.Galbraith, Chris Petrak. Photograph.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER (S. magnolia) – one, 15 November 2010, Montpelier, Washington Cty., Chip Darmstadt.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteria virens) – one, 1 October 2011, Rockingham, Windham Cty., J.Russo.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (Zonotrichia leucophrys) – one, 27 February 2011, Addison, Addison Cty., C.Provost. Photographs.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (Icterus galbula) – one, 25 November and 15-20 December, 2010, Waitsfield, Washington Cty., P.Folsom, Carol Beattie, Hugh Johnson. Photographs.

EXOTICS, ESCAPES, RELEASES

CHUKAR (Alectoris chukar) – one, 4 September 2010, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Evan Jackson. Photograph. Origin unknown.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

RED-NECKED GREBE (Podiceps grisegena) – two, 19 July 2011, St. Albans Bay, St. Albans, Franklin Cty., Inadequate description.

CATTLE EGRET (Bubulcus ibis) – one, 14 November 2010, Vernon, Windham Cty., Inadequate description.

TUNDRA SWAN (Cygnus columbianus) – one, 12 February 2000, Converse Bay, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Report does not rule out Trumpeter Swan.

NORTHERN PINTAIL (Anas acuta) – Nesting report – three, adult and 2 juveniles, 19 July 2011, Pomainville WMA, Pittsford, Rutland Cty., Photograph. Species uncertain.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK (Scolopax minor) – one, 26 December 2010, Rockingham, Windham Cty., Does not rule out Ruffed Grouse.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE (Streptopelia decaocto) – one, 6-7 November 2010, Norwich, Windsor Cty., Presumed to be same bird as at this location last year. No new photograph taken this year. Inadequate description.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE (S. decaocto) – one, 11 August 2011, Shoreham, Addison Cty., Does not rule out Ringed Turtle-Dove.

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus) – two, 20 March, 2011, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Inadequate description of the call.

FISH CROW (C. ossifragus) – one, 15 April 2011, Windsor, Windsor Cty., Inadequate description of the call.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT – 27 OCTOBER 2012

FIRST STATE RECORD

LARK SPARROW (Chondestes grammacus) – one, 5 September 2012, Bragg Hill Rd., Norwich, Windsor Cty., Spencer Hardy, Doug Hardy, Cindy Crawford et al. First fully documented State Record. Three previous reports had been accepted as hypothetical. Photograph.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (Pelecanus erythrorhynchos) – one, 17 November 2011, Kent Pond, Killington, Rutland Cty., Roy W. Pilcher. Eighth State Record. Photographs.

BARNACLE GOOSE (Branta leucopsis) – one, 5 March 2012, Stebbins Rd., Vernon, Windham Cty., David Johnston, Don Clark, JoAnne Russo et al. Second State Record. Photograph. Although doubts persist about origin, the regional consensus is now to consider individuals of this species wild if they are seen with other wild geese in migration season.

SWAINSON'S HAWK (Buteo swainsoni) – one, 25 October 2011, Putney Mtn. Hawkwatch site, Putney, Windham Cty., Don Clark, John Anderson, Marshall Wheelock et al. Third State Record. Sketch.

WILLET (Catoptrophorus semipalmatus inornatus) – one of western subspecies, 30 August thru 8 September 2012, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Allan Strong, Larry Haugh et al. Thirteenth State Record for Willet. First State Record accepted for Western Subspecies. Photographs.

WILLET (C. semipalmatus inornatus) – one of western subspecies, 29 August 2012, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., Jim Mead, Dwight Cargill, Jim Osborn. Thirteenth State Record for Willet. Although not described to subspecies in the RSD, the photos show the bird to be both an immature and *C. s. inornatus*. As such, this is probably the same bird as described above and we have treated this as the same individual.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD (Selasphorus rufus) – one hatching-year female, 22 November 2011, East Arlington, Bennington Cty., Robert P. Yunick, Bill Lee, Randy Schmitt, Sharon and Pat Derosia. Banding data. Ninth State Record.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (Empidonax virescens) – one, 26-28 May 2012, Old Otis Rd., Danby, Rutland Cty., Nancy A. Brown. Sixth State Record. Photographs and tape recording.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (E. virescens) – one, 26,28,31 May 2012, Crosshaven Farm, Moretown, Washington Cty., Chip Darmstadt, Scott Sainsbury, David Rankin, m.obs. Seventh State Record. Tape Recording.

SAY'S PHOEBE (Sayornis saya) – one, 3 October 2011, East Thetford, Orange Cty., Peter LaBelle, Sue Fritz. Fourth State Record. Photograph.

SAY'S PHOEBE (S. saya) – one, 21-23 November 2011, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., Jenn Megyesi, Ted Murin, Kyle Jones, Ian Worley, Jim Mead. Fifth State Record. Photograph.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (Helmitheros vermivorum) – one, 13 May 2012, Red Rocks Park, South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., David Rankin. Tenth State Record.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (Protonotaria citrea) – one male, 27 May 2012, St. Armand Rd., Highgate, Franklin Cty., Allan Strong, Craig Provost, Ian Worley, Peter Jones. Seventh State Record. Photographs.

WESTERN TANAGER (Piranga ludoviciana) – one female, 3 January 2012, Windsor, Windsor Cty., Walter Kentfield. Sixth State Record. Video.

BLUE GROSBEAK (Passerina caerulea) – one female, 9 October 2011, Stebbins Rd., Vernon, Windham Cty., David Johnston, Don Clark. Seventh State Record. Photograph.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus) – one male, 23 April thru 1 May 2012, Swanton, Franklin Cty., Eric Jensen, Claire Larose. Fifth State Record. Photographs.

RARE NESTING RECORDS

SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis) - three, two adults with one colt, observed at various times from March thru August, Near Fairfield Swamp WMA, Fairfield, Franklin Cty., Nancy and Joe Bell, Charlotte Bill and staff of Vt. Fish and Wildlife. Supplemental information from VT BIRD and Flickr were used to verify that the third bird (which was not well described in the RSD) was definitely a colt. Photographs.

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus) – Nesting pair with 3 young, 13 May thru 24 June 2012, Shelburne Rd., South Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin. Fourth State Nesting Record. Photographs of nest location.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

TUFTED DUCK (Aythya fuligula) – one male, 9 April 2012, Lake Carmi, Franklin, Franklin Cty., Bridget Butler, Sterling and Russ Ford. Photograph.

RED-THROATED LOON (Gavia stellata) – one, 18 February 2012, Lake Champlain, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin.

SNOWY EGRET (Egretta thula) – one, 23 June 2012, Stratton Mt. Golf Course, Winhall, Bennington Cty., Jim Shea.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (Larus fuscus) – one, 22 October 2011, Button Bay, Ferrisburgh, Addison Cty., Henry Trombley, Brendan Collins.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (L. fuscus) – one adult, 30 September 2012, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Liz Lackey. Photographs.

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus) – one, 20 March 2012, Putney Rd., Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Pieter van Loon. Recording.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH (Catharus minimus) – one, 27 September 2012, North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, Washington Cty., Larry Clarfeld, Chip Darmstadt, Ken Benton, Jeannie Williams. Banding records, photographs of bird in the hand.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH (C. minimus) – one, 27 September 2012, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., Nikolas Kotovich. Field notes, drawings.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one female, 1 September 2012, North Hero, Grand Isle Cty., Eric Labato. Photograph.

DICKCISSEL (*S. americana*) – one female, 5 October 2012, Drake Rd., Weybridge, Addison Cty., Ian Worley.

SAVANNAH SPARROW (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) – one, proposed as Ipswich subspecies, 29 September 2012, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., Jim Mead, Alison Wagner. Accepted only to species.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – one, 28 January 2012, Lake Paran, Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kevin Hemeon. Photograph.

WOOD DUCK (*Aix sponsa*) – one male, 28 January 2012, Lake Paran, Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kevin Hemeon. Photograph.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus varius*) – one adult male, 3 December 2011, Walloomsac Rd., Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kim Likakis.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*) – one calling male, 11&14 April 2012, Brandon, Rutland Cty., Sue Wetmore.

HERMIT THRUSH (*Catharus guttatus*) – one, 7 January 2012, Hildene Rd., Manchester, Bennington Cty., C. Provost.

NASHVILLE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*) – one, 3 December 2002, Stony Brook Plaza, Rutland, Rutland Cty., Marsha Booker. Specimen.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (*Setophaga coronata*) – five, 20 December 2011, Benson Landing, Benson, Rutland Cty., R.W. Pilcher. Photographs.

EASTERN TOWHEE (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) – one adult male, 7 January 2012, Arlington, Bennington Cty., C. Provost.

EASTERN TOWHEE (*P. erythrophthalmus*) – one adult male, 28 January 2012, Lake Paran, Bennington, Bennington Cty., K.Hemeon.

SWAMP SPARROW (*Melospiza georgiana*) – two, 20 February 2012, Pomainville WMA, Pittsford, Rutland Cty., Sue and Marvin Elliott. Photographs.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*) – one, 15 July 2012, Route 30, Manchester, Bennington Cty., Brief sighting; insufficient details.

BALD EAGLE (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) – one, 2 April 2011, Lake Paran Rd. Bennington Cty., This was a rare nesting report; evidence insufficient to confirm nesting.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*) – one, 7 September 2012, West Rd., Putney, Windham Cty. Photographs do not show a black and white bird.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus lobatus*) – one, 10 August 2012, Dead Creek WMA, Brilyea Access, Addison, Addison Cty. Does not rule out other shorebird species.

BLACK TERN (Chlidonias niger) – thirteen, 28 May 2012, Charcoal Creek, Swanton, Franklin Cty. This was a Rare Nesting Report and contains no real evidence of nesting.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes erythrocephalus) – one, 4 March 2012, Putney, Windham Cty. Not enough detail.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (M. erythrocephalus) – one, 30 April 2012, Ralph Myhre Golf Course, Middlebury, Addison Cty. Not enough detail.

SWAMP SPARROW (Melospiza georgiana) – one, 8 February 2012, Pomainville WMA, Pittsford, Rutland Cty. Did not get a good enough look at the bird.

SUMMER TANAGER (Piranga rubra) – one male, 10 June 2012, Wake Robin, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty. Insufficient description.

SUMMER TANAGER (P. rubra) – one singing male, 5 July 2012, Wake Robin, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty. Vocalization only. Insufficient description.

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT – 9 NOVEMBER 2013

FIRST STATE RECORD

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (Zenaida asiatica) – one, 28 May 2013, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., Rodney Olsen, Henry Trombley. First fully documented state record including two written reports, and recorded vocalization.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

BARNACLE GOOSE (Branta leucopsis) – one, 10 March 2013, Lake Runnemedede, Windsor, Windsor Co., Craig Provost. Third State Record.

BARNACLE GOOSE (B. leucopsis) – one, 30 March 2013, Mud Creek WMA, Alburg, Grand Isle Co., Attila Zsaki, Michelle Nokken. Fourth State Record. Photographs.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (Phalaropus tricolor) – one male, 30 May 2013, Connecticut River, Norwich, Windsor Co., Chris Rimmer, George Clark, Ed Hack, Kyle Jones, Peter LaBelle. Tenth State Record. Photograph.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) – one adult, 15 December 2012, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Hank Kaestner. Third State Record. Photographs.

SLATY-BACKED GULL (Larus schistisagus) - one adult, 2 March 2013, Turkey Lane, Panton, Addison Co., Spencer Hardy, Ronald Payne, Ian Worley, Ted G. Murin et al. Second State Record. Photograph.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (Empidonax virescens) - one, 18 May 2013, Snake Mtn., Bridport, Addison Co., Eric Hynes, Ian Worley, Barbara Brosnan, John Chamberlain, Eighth State Record. Recorded vocalization.

WESTERN KINGBIRD (Tyrannus verticalis) - one adult, 8-9 June 2013, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Co., Sue Wetmore, T.G.Murin et al. Second State Record. Photographs.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (Myadestes townsendi) - one, 6 November 2012, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Co., Kaylee Pollander. Third State Record. Photograph.

FIRST STATE RECORDS OF SUBSPECIES

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (AUDUBON'S) (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*) - one hatch year male, 4-5 December 2012, The Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Nikolas Kotovich. Sketch. Hypothetical First State Record.

NELSON'S SPARROW, ACADIAN/ATLANTIC SUBSPECIES (*Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus*) - one, 9 October 2013, Pomainville WMA, Pittsford, Rutland Co., T.G.Murin, Leah Tansey. Hypothetical First State Record.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*) - one first fall, 20 November 2012, Vernon, Windham Co., Hector Galbraith, Taj Schottland, David Johnson, JoAnne Russo. First State Record for Gambell's race. Photographs.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one adult, 23 October 2013, Whiskey Bay, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Jim Mead. Photograph.

GREATER SCAUP (*Aythya marila*) – one male, 5 August 2013, Kent Pond, Killington, Rutland Co., Roy Pilcher. Photographs.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – two, 16 July 2013, Lake Ninevah, Mount Holly, Rutland Co., William Nye, David Venter. Photograph.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – up to seven, 5-19 October 2013, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., Spencer Hardy, T.G.Murin et al. Photograph.

LITTLE GULL (*Larus minutus*) – one, 7 July 2013, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Michele Patenaude, Mona Broley. Sketch.

SELASPHORUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus sp.*) - one, 21 & 29 October 2012, Monkton, Addison Co., Jane Lindholm. Photographs.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) – one male, 13 November 2012, Brandon, Rutland Co., Bronia VanBenthuisen. Photographs.

CATHARUS THRUSH (*Catharus sp.*) - one, 17 November 2012, Westminster, Windham Co., JoAnne Russo, Gerry Biron. Photographs. Species not determined.

EXOTICS, ESCAPES, RELEASES

MANDARIN DUCK (Aix galericulata) – one adult male, 10 October 2011, Lamoille River, Morristown, Lamoille Co., Robert Budliger. Photographs of the mounted specimen. The hunter and owner was interviewed.

COMMON POCHARD (Aythya ferina) – one adult male, 1 January thru 10 February 2013, Chimney Point, Addison, Addison Co., Ian A. Worley, Ronald Payne, T.G.Murin et al. Photographs including one showing a band. Further evidence pointed to the bird's being an escape.

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH (Carduelis carduelis) – one adult, 6 December 2012, Lyndon, Caledonia Co., Judith H, Groskopf. Photographs.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

EARED GREBE (Podiceps nigricollis) – one, 29 January 2013, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co. Insufficient details.

RED PHALAROPE (Phalaropus fulicaria) – one, 3 November 2012, Colchester-South Hero Causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Co. Insufficient details.